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Public Can Speak On Mayor Petition

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

A move to petition the State Legislature to allow the voters of Agawam with an opportunity to replace an appointed town manager with an elected mayor will be the subject of a council workshop for public input, Monday evening, May 9th.

On the recommendation of Council President Donald M. Rheault, councilors agreed to hold the workshop to allow residents the opportunity to exchange ideas about the proposal. It would provide for a two-year term of office for an elected mayor with a salary to be determined by the council.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad initiated the move, which appeared on this past Monday night's Town Council agenda. It will appear before the council for a vote at its next regular session, Monday, May 16th.

Fieldstad's proposal calls for a "strong mayoral system" that would allow the mayor to call council meetings and provide for the veto of council actions. The petition asks the State Legislature to place the issue on the ballot this fall, and specifically alters the present town charter by replacing the term "town manager" with "mayor." No other positions are to be changed, although the charter would definitely be different with an elected mayor holding veto power over the council.

Fieldstad, who was previously a strong proponent of the present town manager system, said his return to the

council after a four-term absence proved to him "that the system is not only not working, but has become considerably worse."

Fieldstad said he has discussed the matter with many town residents and has received considerable support in the community for his actions.

Council Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller, however, disagreed. She voiced concern Monday night that she had not heard of the petition prior to its appearance on the council agenda Monday night. She said that she has talked to several people in town who voiced interest in further discussion of this proposal.

Mrs. Fuller also said she supported the formation of a charter commission to review and draft recommendations, but Fieldstad told us this would delay the public from voting on a change for as long as four years. "I think people are ready to vote very soon. There's enough dissatisfaction out there to warrant a vote in the near future, not delay it for four years," Fieldstad said.

The council workshop will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, and townspeople are urged to attend to voice their opinions. Provisions will be made to transfer the meeting to the neighboring Agawam High School if the number of people in attendance warrants such a move.

Fire & DPW Pacts Get Council OK Monday Night

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Two-year contracts for town firefighters and Department of Public Works employees were approved Monday by Town Council, providing semi-annual raises totaling 6.5 percent each year. The two-year pacts are retroactive to July 1st, 1987.

The DPW contracts were approved in two unanimous votes (11-0). During the first year of the pact, increases of 3.5 and 3 percent will be granted to cover the period from July 1st, 1987, to June 30th, 1988. The same increase would also be granted for July 1st, 1988 to June 30th, 1989, the final year of the contract.

With Council President Donald M. Rheault and Councilor Benjamin T. Lockhart abstaining, the council twice voted 9-0-2 to approve identical pay increases for town firefighters.

Town Council held the first reading for the pay increases at the April 19th meeting. Three readings are required before funding for raises are approved. The second and third readings for both the DPW and firefighters' contracts took place Monday night.

The granting of the new pay scale by the council follows nine months of negotiations with Local 1973, International Association of Firefighters, who represent Agawam's 52 firefighters. The union's contract expired June 30th, 1987. The union approved the new contract last month before it appeared on the council's April 19th agenda.

Town DPW employees also ended nine months of contract talks when that group accepted the pact last month.

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Grange Honors Town Ambulance With Award



COMMUNITY GRANGE of Feeding Hills recently presented the "Community Citizen Award" to members of the Agawam Fire Department who operate the town ambulance. Fire Chief Rusty Jenks accepted the award and a \$100 donation was also presented. Pictured above, from left - Jim Sibilia, EMT; Joe Giordano, EMT; Pauline Provost, representing the Grange; Chief Jenks, and Lt. Steve Martin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**AGAWAM
CLEANUP**
Saturday, May 7th

**School Budget
Reflects Trend**
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**Chamber's 1st
"Spring Fling"**



Editorial

Charles Proposes \$95,000 Cut... School Budget Reflects That Agawam Is Not Progressing Into The Future

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno was notified last Friday that Town Manager Reid S. Charles had drafted the 1988-89 budget for Agawam. Bruno was also informed that the school budget had been cut \$95,000 by Charles this year (\$125,000 was the Charles cut a year ago).

On Saturday, April 30th, a story in *The Springfield Union-News* quoted Charles on his proposed \$30,341,551 plan (which includes an overall hike of 9 percent over last year's town budget), as saying this budget would "maintain all of the services of the town and force no cutbacks in jobs."

The projected town revenues were listed from the budget to total \$30.4 million. In that same article, Charles also said, "We have been watching our revenues very closely, and as revenue has shifted, we have been able to make the shifts and not at all affect the level of services for the community."

Agawam citizens will be relieved to know that our tax dollars will still provide collection of refuse at least once every two weeks and our streets will be cleared of snow, as well as providing our fine ambulance service. Townspeople should always be reminded of the fine and outstanding workers in each town department who provide their care and/or services to our community.

But to key in on Charles' words - "and not at all affect the level of services for the community," creates questions. Many questions. Why shouldn't our community be able to positively affect the "level of services" when we are continually increasing town revenues? Recent appraisals for reevaluation on real estate in a rapidly growing community like Feeding Hills are generating considerable increases in revenues for Agawam.

This question very closely expresses the outcry from Agawam's concerned parents. **Why must the Agawam School System only "maintain" at the present level of services?**

The state has demanded that Agawam increase our per student spending over the next few years because of our acceptance of state EEOG money (Equal Education Opportunity Grant) over the past few years.

The statistic that Agawam has been on the lower end in Massachusetts in terms of per pupil spending (until we rose one spot above Holyoke last year) reflects badly on our ability to educate our young.

We still lag 28 percent behind the average for per pupil spending in Massachusetts. Parents holding offices in PTO's (Parent Teacher Organizations) throughout town, and concerned and caring citizens are constantly discouraged by the town's choice to spend so little on education. The school budget this year means only about 39 percent of Agawam's tax rate would be credited to the school budget. In most communities, the split is near 50-50.

And now Charles is again cutting the school budget. And believe it - if not for politics, Charles would have cut the school budget a lot more. He felt "safe" that cutting it by "just" \$95,000 would spare him much heartache and pain by those supporting the school budget.

Agawam's townspeople elected seven School Committee members to watch over monetary spending for the school budget based on the needs within the town's educational system. These representatives cut \$348,496 from line items in their budget before Charles ever received the proposal.

How can Charles justify another cut of \$95,000 from

the school budget? When the school budget was sent to him, Superintendent Bruno went on record as saying, "Last year, most of the equipment in the budget was wiped-out. This is a catch-up budget." Bruno also said "rebuilding expenditures" were figured-in.

Being "wiped-out" and needing to "rebuild" do not conjure-up images of maintaining "at the present level." Before 1988, it would not have mattered much what concerned parents wanted once Charles had cut the school budget. Town Council could not raise the figure.

There is, however, a small glimmer of hope for the pro-education supporters that can shine brightly this year.

Many of our newly-elected councilors on the 11-member board proclaimed their advocacy for education during their election campaigns last fall.

The council's subcommittee for the school budget publicly supported it. Parents can perhaps make a difference through their elected officials. With the addition of a new state law this year, "TOWN COUNCIL now has the right, by a two-thirds vote (8 members), to INCREASE the school budget, and Charles would have no recourse but to do so."

Charles may sit in his office and tell everyone how much he's supported the school system here in the past three years (because of roof repairs, school renovations, etc.), but no matter who sat in that office, those projects would have taken place anyway, regardless of Reid Charles.

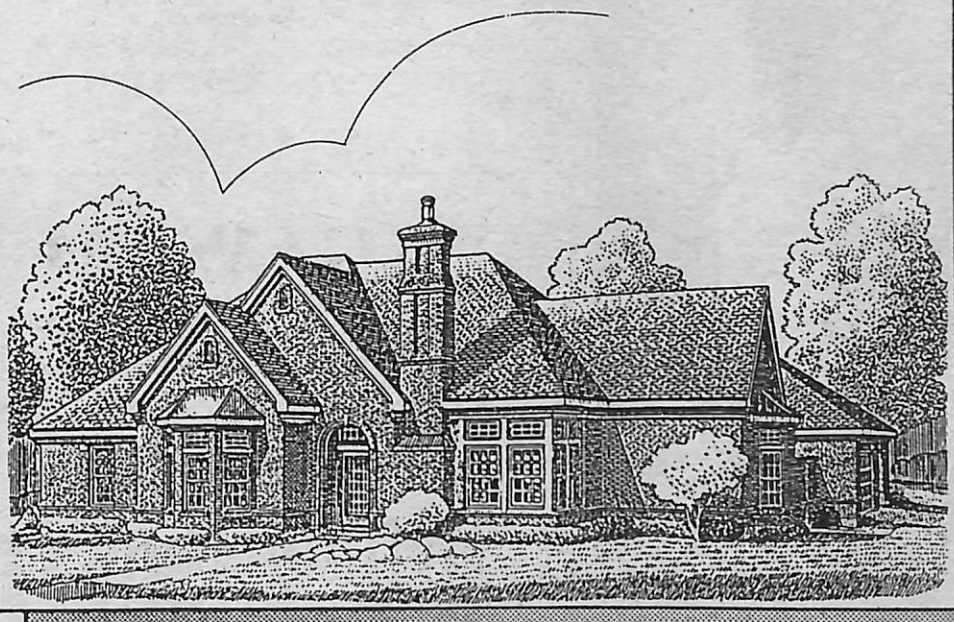
NOTE: Iris Copson is the School Department editor for *The Advertiser News* and her view reflect that of this newspaper on the above.

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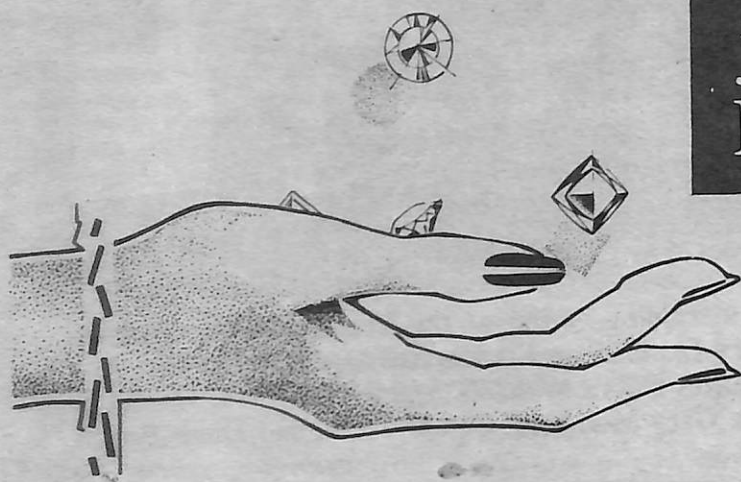
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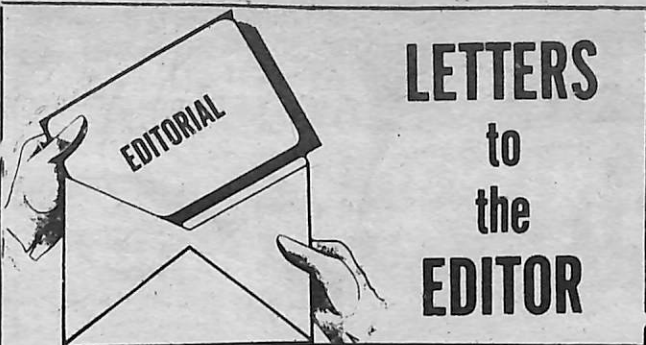
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Editorial - continued...



LETTERS
to
the
EDITOR

Rudeness At Town Hall

To The Editor:

On April 25th, 1988, I asked my wife to call the Town Hall and ask for a date when a certain event was going on in town.

The lady that answered the phone in that Department was very rude and very unprofessional. The next day I went to the Department and told the department head what happened. I also told him I was also going to the Town Manager's office to make a complaint, which I did.

I told the department head and the Town Manager's office that if you can't call the Town Hall and get an answer without someone being so rude, then something is wrong. My wife called the Agawam Town Hall - not the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Lucien N. Breault
Agawam, Mass.

Thanks For Your Support

To The Editor:

This letter of thanks comes as a tribute to all who so generously donated to the American Heart Association "Jail Bail Fundraiser."

Because of these contributions, my stay in jail was short termed, and a new experience, in terms of fundraising. With friends, family, business associates, and town officials helping, I was able to exceed my goal of \$500. The total of \$585 was greatly received by the American Heart Association.

A special thanks to Ric Sardella of *The Advertiser News* for the publicity, Jack Devine, who saw fit to have me incarcerated, and the many generous people of the Town of Agawam.

Sincerely,
Ruth E. Zucco

Cable TV 3 To Air
Information For Town

In preparation for Agawam's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Saturday, May 21st, Cable Television Cable Channel 3 will be presenting an informational program.

The program will explain Household Hazardous Waste, its dangers, and the collection process. Watch for the program on Cable Channel 3 at the following times:

Friday, May 6th, at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 9th, at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11th, at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 13th, at 9:30 p.m.

The program will also air during the week of May 16th a number of times after 8:00 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, May 16, 1988 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. dated April 27, 1988 for permission to: place UG conduit & manholes in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 920001
Street, South Street
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

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Former School Committee Members Honored



FORMER AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, from left - Ronald Watson, Jessie D. Fuller, and John Walsh, received commemorative bells for their dedicated service as board members. The presentations were made at a School Committee meeting last month. Advertiser News photo by Jeff Smith.

Agawam Residents Complete Police Course



AGAWAM RESIDENTS who completed a training course at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center. From left - Auxiliary Lt. William Kushin, assistant coordinator; Aux Captain Jerry Scoville, coordinator; and trainees Debra Wenzell, Mary Ainsworth, Daniel Il-nicky, Tim Tulsty, Chris Carr, Steve Grasso, Gary Malanson, Jim Grzelak, and Denis Smith, training coordinator. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Agawam Obituaries

Michael P. Fydenkevez

Michael P. Fydenkevez, 55, of 1329 Suffield Street, Agawam, a 28-year truck driver at H.P. Hood Company, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Hadley, he moved to Agawam in 1963.

He leaves three sons, Michael P. of Pampa, Texas, James D. and Theodore E., both of Agawam; a daughter, Doreen H. Taylor of Fort Worth, Texas; three brothers, Thomas of Sunderland, Peter of Clarksville, Tennessee, and David of Geneva, Florida; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in Holy Rosary Church with burial in Holy Rosary Cemetery, both in Hadley. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Ora P. Del Negro

Ora P. (LaPoint) Del Negro, 78, of 39 Rowley Street, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Springfield, she moved to Agawam in 1969. She was a member of St. Anthony's Church.

She leaves her husband, William V. Del Negro; a son, Roland E. Lamarche of Chesapeake, Virginia; two daughters, Dorothy A. Granger and Jean O. Salvat, both of Springfield; a sister, Gertrude LaPoint of Chicopee; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Robert P. Beaudette

Robert P. Beaudette, 28, of 60 Yale Street, Agawam, an employee of Apex Installations in Ludlow, died in Puerto Rico from injuries received in a car accident there.

He was a carpenter for the Ludlow company.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam most of his life. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1977, and was a member of its football, basketball, and track teams. He was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Janet M. Berrelli; a son, Nicholas; two daughters, Michelle Beaudette and Aimee Beaudette, all at home; his parents, Leo A. and Jeannine (Smith) Beaudette, of West Springfield; four brothers, Ronald of Cherry Point, North Carolina, Richard of West Springfield, Daniel of Agawam, and Michael of Springfield, and a sister, Constance Hayhurst of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Thomas L. Gaynor

Thomas L. Gaynor, 91, of 110 Main Street, Agawam, a retired 55-year photo engraver, died Saturday in Providence Hospital, Holyoke. He retired from McCall Magazine Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut, and previously worked at several publishing companies in Chicago.

Born in Hartford, he had lived in Springfield most of his life and graduated from the former Central High School, Springfield, and the Effingham Illinois School of Engraving. He moved to Agawam eight years ago, and was a Navy veteran of World War I. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 160 of Indian Orchard.

He leaves a sister, Anne MacDonald, with whom he lived; a nephew, Dr. Martin F. Gaynor Jr. of Plymouth, and two nieces, Jean Fouche of Springfield, and Ann C. Gaynor of Chicopee.

The funeral was at Ratell Funeral Home, Indian Orchard, and in the church with burial in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund, Box 589, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Nicholas J. Funtos

Nicholas J. Funtos, 52, of 15 Debra Lane, Agawam, died in the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Northampton.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was a Navy veteran and had been a volunteer for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a member of the American Legion, and a past commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

He leaves three nephews, Harland H. Rogers III, Anthony Rogers, and Howard N. Rogers, all of Agawam, and two nieces, Maryann Asta-Ferrero of Ludlow and Helen Marganti of Springfield. His sister, Helen C. Rogers, died in 1987.

The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in St. Theresa's Church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Western Massachusetts, 1583 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA, 01020.

Thomas W. Kumisca

Thomas W. Kumisca, 47, of 311 Meadow Street, Agawam, a 16-year mail handler at the Bulk Mail Center, Indian Orchard, died in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, he attended schools there and had lived in Agawam most of his life. He was an Army veteran. He was a member of Wilson-Thompson American Legion Post, the Italian Sporting Club, and the Dante Club of West Springfield.

He leaves a son, Thomas Jr. of Leesville, Louisiana; a sister, Patricia McAndrew of Braintree, and his fiancée, Phyllis Ouellette of Agawam.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

W. Gordon Hunter

W. Gordon Hunter, 84, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, formerly of West Springfield and a retired civil engineer, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Surrey, England, he had lived in the West Springfield area several years.

He leaves his wife, the former Rita McCarthy.

The funeral and burial were private and at the convenience of the family. T.P. Sampson Company, Springfield, was in charge.

Ruth W. West

Ruth (Williamson) West, 86, of 100 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, a retired supervisor with New England Telephone Company, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Ware, she had lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam nine years ago. She was a member of the Alumni Club of Williams College and a former member of the old Springfield Riding Club. Her husband, Harold "Doc" West, died in 1984.

She leaves a niece, Janet Clark of Auburn.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home, Main Street, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.



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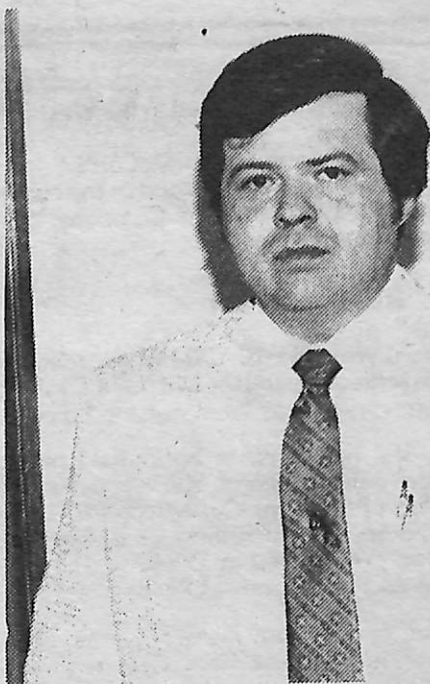


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LT. ROBERT CAMPBELL

Lt. Selected As Expert By State Justice Council

Lieutenant Robert Campbell of the Agawam Police Department has been selected by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council as a "Subject Matter Expert (SME)."

The selection of SMEs came from police training academy directors throughout the Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council is in the process of updating and revising the basic recruitment curriculum for law enforcement personnel. Job task analysis, required workers' behavior, and the establishment of performance objectives are also under review and revision.

Lt. Campbell has been nominated as the SME in this area in juvenile law, processing, and rights of the accused.

Campbell, a life-long Agawam resident, was appointed as a permanent sergeant in 1986 and as permanent lieutenant early this year. He holds a master's degree in law enforcement.

Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski said both he and the rest of the department are honored by Campbell's selection as an SME.

TOWN CONTRACTS - From Page 1...

The DPW contract calls for additional benefits, including an increase in the bonus paid to employees who respond promptly for work during snowstorms. Originally set at an \$8 per hour, that bonus will be raised to \$15 per hour for up to six storms.

The approved contract also calls for a half-day off Christmas Eve, in lieu of the traditional Christmas party at the DPW garage.

In other council business, the following commission reappointments were confirmed:

Richard Brindle of 48 Barney Street, Suzanne Mueller of 986 North West Street, Arthur Lafleur of 374 Main

Meet Your Agawam Police...

Officer Gary O'Brien

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Originally from New Haven, Connecticut, Gary moved to Agawam in September 1980. He was employed by the State of Connecticut as a prison guard at Somers State Prison, Enfield, prior to his appointment to the Police Department in April 1983.

He attended the University of New Haven where he majored in criminal justice. Gary graduated from the Police Academy at the Edward Connelly Criminal Justice Training Center, Feeding Hills, where he was a member of the first recruit training class. Most of his first five years on the department have been spent assigned to the 1:00 to 9:00 a.m. shift, although presently he works the 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. third shift as an alternate in the Traffic Bureau.

Gary received a commendation for his efforts leading to the arrest of eight suspects involved in breaking into houses and cars in Suffield, East Longmeadow, and Agawam. Another commendation was awarded him for his assistance in evacuating Zayres Department Store after a carbon monoxide leak was discovered. Twenty-eight people were overcome by the fumes and after all were evacuated, Gary was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Certified in radar operation, he has spent much time with the Traffic Bureau where his responsibilities include traffic control, accident investigation, and radar details. He has also been certified in breathalyzer operation, and administers many of the tests to those who are suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Gary has also attended a class for accident investigation held at the Police Academy in Feeding Hills. The PR-24 nightstick is currently an important part of the police officer's equipment, and Gary attended a course designed to familiarize each officer with its function.

Gary resides in Feeding Hills with his wife, Patty. His hobbies include fishing, physical fitness, and performance cars. One of the most difficult and at times tedious jobs on the department is that of the traffic officer.

Gary was chosen to work within this bureau because he is thorough and sticks with a particular job until its successful completion. In addition to his sense of responsibility, Gary owns a sense of humor both unique and second to none. Police work often requires the officer to detach himself from feeling and acting as he

Street, and John Dorval of Feeding Hills, were all appointed to terms on the Conservation Commission to expire April 1st, 1991.

Jeanne H. Annino, 170 Park Edge Drive, Donna J. Scherpa, 201 Park Edge Drive, Rosemary DeStefano of 86 Brien Street, and Gail DelMonaco of 20 Alfred Street, were all appointed to terms on the Arts and Humanities Council to expire May 1st, 1990.

The council also voted to approve an application for a Class 2 Dealer's License for Supreme Auto Sales at 1514 Main Street, Agawam (11-0 vote).

The renewal of a Junk Dealer License to Block Jewelers was also approved by an 11-0 vote.



POLICE OFFICER Gary O'Brien. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

normally would. Gary has the ability to bring out the humor in even the worst of situations. His greatest asset is his sense of humor and the support and comfort it lends to his fellow officer. We need more men like Gary to get us through the rough times.

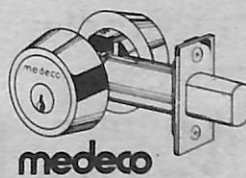
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CLEAN-UP AGAWAM DAY

Monday, May 9th
Town Council Workshop
Public Input On Mayor
Agawam Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 17th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

Saturday, May 21st
Hazardous Waste Day
Agawam High School

Monday, May 30th
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from MIAMI

Category 8 - Outside Cabins

Itinerary: Western Caribbean

Payment Schedule: \$50.00 Per Cabin Immediate

Final Payment 12-9-88

\$1,482⁰⁰

PP
DBL OCC
(7 Day Cruise)

Carnival Cruise Lines

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HOLIDAY JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Festivale

SAIL DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 1989
from SAN JUAN

Category 6-Inside/Outside Cabins

Itinerary: Eastern/Southern Caribbean

Payment Schedule: \$50.00 Per Cabin Immediate

\$350.00 Due 10-7-88 Final Due 12-9-88

\$1,350⁰⁰

PP
DBL OCC
(7 Day Cruise)

ROYAL CARIBBEAN

SAIL DATE: APRIL 16, 1989
from MIAMI

Category E - Outside Cabin
Category I - Inside Cabin

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Police Arrest 25; Respond To 270 Calls

Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey today released the following crime statistics for week ending Sunday, May 1st. Police activity included 270 total calls answered and 25 arrests.

The list of activity includes one rape, eight breaking and entering, 10 larcenies, 10 malicious damage, 26 nuisance persons, 41 suspicious activity, 19 alarms (18 false), 25 property damage due to accidents, three personal injuries due to accidents, three Fire Department assists, and seven ambulance assists.

Also, 17 citizen assists, one disturbance, six disabled motor vehicles, four missing persons, eight civil disturbances, nine dog complaints, four found property, six traffic complaints, three motor vehicle tows, two insecure buildings, and 32 miscellaneous calls.

On April 25th, **Frederick S. Babeski**, 29 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Michael Gruska.

On April 25th, **Raymond Torrellas**, 19 Lockhouse Road, Westfield, was arrested and charged with operating without a license. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Richard Light Jr.

On April 25th, **Peter Costanza**, 76 Elmore Road, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Michael Gruska.

On April 26th, **Daniel P. Mancini**, 132 Beauchamp Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Richard Conlon.

On April 26th, **Domenick Attanasio**, 134 Union Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Robert March and Richard Conlon.

On April 27th, **Timothy O'Connor**, 31 Silver Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Ben Moore and Donald Gallerani.

On April 27th, **Patrick W. Beshaw**, 106 Silver Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering. Arresting officers were Joseph Edwards and Donald Gallerani.

On April 28th, **Michael R. Glynn**, 17 Knollwood Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Michael Gruska.

On April 28th, **Michael A. Gentile**, 23 Garden Place, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Michael Gruska.

On April 28th, **Peter Aussello**, 13 Oak Hill Road, Pepperell, Massachusetts, was arrested and charged with trespassing. Arresting officers were Detective Tom Marmo and Mark Poggi.

On April 29th, **Dean Wright**, 19 Scherpa Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Donald Gallerani.

On April 29th, **David Acevedo, Jr.**, 86 Euclid Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Michael Gruska.

On April 30th, **Melvin L. Davis, Sr.**, 775 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with rape and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Arresting officers were Sergeant William Slicch and Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr.

On April 30th, **Tamara Naylor**, 192 Bristol Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Gary O'Brien.

On April 30th, **Kimberly J. Gajnos**, 95 Westbrook Drive, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and Gary O'Brien.

On April 30th, **William Russell**, 12 Arnold Street, Northampton, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Sergeant Donald Loncto.

On May 1st, **Miguel Jimenez**, 820 Bradley Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Loncto and Peter Bertera.

On May 1st, **Mark A. Perillo**, 36 Central Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Richard Light, Jr.

On May 1st, **Paul R. Lindquist**, 1183 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Richard Light, Jr.

On May 1st, **Jeffrey Eades**, 6 Sunset Terrace, Agawam, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Gary O'Brien.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 12, 1988, at 7:15 p.m., in the Town Clerk's Conference Room, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Ma. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, section 40, is called to act upon the petition of Agawam Dept. of Public Works to perform work subject to the ACT on 70 Bailey Street to install a storm drain.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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TELEPHONE: Hang-up if callers will not identify themselves. Don't get involved in conversations with people you don't know. If the call is obscene, use a whistle and blow loudly into the receiver. Single women should publish initials only before their last names in the telephone book.

WHISTLES: Whistles are a good idea if you are being bothered or feel you may be attacked. Sit on the ground and blow the whistle in repeated short bursts, unless you can get to a safer place such as a nearby business. Weapons are not a good idea and shouldn't be carried. They can easily be turned against you.

PURSES: Purses shouldn't be carried unless necessary. Keep house and car keys out of pocket-books to lessen the chances of the thief getting your address and keys together. Avoid violence (if possible) and attempt to keep the situation cool. Should the thief turn violent and you fear for your safety or life, try to attack a vital area such as eyes, throat, or groin.

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FIRE-WISE

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Treat It Right The First Time

Doing the wrong thing for a burn in the first few minutes, even seconds, can have painful and disfiguring consequences. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to know the right way to treat a burn.

The best first aid for a burn consists of cool water, a clean cloth, and immediate medical care. Running cool water over the skin stops the burning. The clean cloth helps protect the skin from infection, a terrible enemy of burns. And medical help is important to be sure the burn heals quickly and safely.

Never use anything greasy on a burn. That means those old remedies, butter, creams, and other ointments are wrong. They hold the heat in against the skin and make the burn worse. And more, these products will have to be cleaned from the burn at the hospital, and that will be extremely painful for the victim.

Don't use ice directly on a burn or pack a burn victim in ice, either. Ice is too extreme and can damage the skin further. An extensive ice pack can throw the victim into shock.

The seriousness of a burn is classified by degrees. A burn may be first, second, or third-degree, depending on how deeply the skin has been damaged.

A first-degree burn is red and sore, but not blistered. These burns might be caused by light contact with a hot object, hot water, or steam. A mild sunburn is a first-degree burn. Medical treatment is not usually required for a first-degree burn.

If cooled promptly with cool water, these burns should heal on their own. No bandage is needed; if one is used to prevent brushing the sensitive skin against clothing or other materials, it must be dry. Remember, no ointments!

A second-degree burn is blistered and painful, red and mottled in appearance, and the skin surface may swell and "weep." Severe sunburn, hot liquids or surfaces, and brief exposure to small flames can cause second-degree burns.

Cool the burn with water, cover with a clean cloth, and call a doctor or clinic. If the burn covers a large area of the body, for example, most of an arm, the victim must be taken to the hospital without delay.

In a third-degree burn the skin is white or charred and may seem painless at first. This is because many nerve endings have been destroyed in the area of the burn. Do not try to remove clothing or other materials that stick to the burn. Cool with water and cover with a clean cloth. Then keep the victim warm and quiet until help arrives. Call the rescue squad at 911.

Burns are severe injuries. Don't try to be heroic and care for a second or third-degree burn yourself. Burns lead to horrible complications and can be fatal.

Heritage Hall And Town Cooperate To Celebrate History

The Town of Agawam and Heritage Hall have joined together to plan a celebration of the town's history and incorporation. The theme is "Founder's Nostalgia Day" and will take place on Sunday, May 15, 1988 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home grounds, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

The general public is invited to participate in all festivities including: a 6.2 mile road race, youth talent showcase, Shriner's clown show, music and dancing from a barbershop group, square dancers and the big band sound of "Swingstreet," led by Bobby Kaye.

Many area craft artisans will display and sell items, and a "midway" of games, booths, and historical memorabilia will be available for people of all ages to enjoy. Hot air balloon rides will be offered, and a dedication-tribute ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m., on stage.

Food and refreshments including home-baked goods will be available, and the public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for comfortable seating.

The press is welcome and opportunities for photographs will be made available.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, May 16, 1988 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. dated April 27, 1988 for permission to: place UG conduit & manholes in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 926019
Street, James Street
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

Substance Abuse Education And Treatment Program At House Of Correction

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. has announced that the Hampden County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a grant from the Neil Houston Correction Alternatives Program to institute a 21 day Substance Abuse Education and Treatment Program.

This substance abuse treatment and education effort will become part of the pre-release component of the House of Correction. Selected inmates nearing release will be put through an intensive 21 day regimen in the Hampden County Pre-Release Center.

Sheriff Ashe said, "This substance abuse education and treatment operation prior to release has the potential to become an integral part of our crime-fighting efforts. Our best statistics indicate that 85% of our inmates have problems with drugs and/or alcohol and that 40% of our inmates are in jail specifically for the sale and/or possession of illegal drugs. We are taking this effort upon ourselves to better battle these drug and alcohol related crimes. Our purpose is to impact positively the safety of the community and the staggering overcrowding here at the House of Correction."

Kevin Warwick, Director of the Hampden County Day Reporting Center, will administer the Program.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 19, 1988 at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Forest Ridge Estates for a Definitive Subdivision Plan, for a proposed 16 lot subdivision on a 16.16 acre parcel located on the easterly side of Main Street between Bailey Street and Charles Street.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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Ruth Bitzas Outgoing President of Vets. Group



AGAWAM VETERANS' AGENT RUTH BITZAS (center) is pictured with prominent veterans' service officials at Storowton Tavern last month for the Annual Dinner of the Western Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association. Pictured from left - Carleton P. Merrill, secretary of MVAA, Newton; Joseph A. DeSisto, president, Mass. president of Veterans' Service Agents Association; Mrs. Bitzas, outgoing president of Western Mass. group; Ted Economo, training coordinator for the State Office of Veteran's Services; and Leo Parent, elected president of the Western Mass. group. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RUTH BITZAS of Agawam, outgoing president of the Western Mass. Veterans' Service Officers Association, hands over the gavel to new president Leo Parent. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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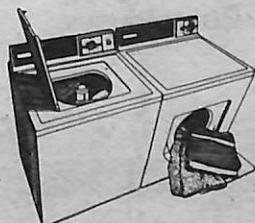
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Town's Summer Camp Has Jobs Available

The summer day camp and pre-school camp which will be held at Perry Lane Park this summer are again seeking enterprising applicants.

Applications are available at the Town Manager's Office located in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street or at the Agawam Recreation Department located at the Agawam High School.

Individuals who have previously been employed in the department's summer camp program will have preference; but Director Jack Kunasek reminds everyone that all must file an application to be considered.

Applicants must be residents of Agawam who are high school graduates or who will be graduating in June. Applicants also must be furthering their education, preferably in the social service's field. A water lifesaving certificate is an advantage, but not necessary.

The camp program will run from Tuesday, July 5th through Friday, August 19th, for a total of seven weeks. Daily hours for camp will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Staff hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 37½ hours per week at \$3.92 per hour.

Applications may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Town Manager's Office (personnel department) or at the recreation office. Completed applications must be returned to the Town Manager's Office by Friday, May 13th. All applicants will be contacted for interviews by the recreation director. Interviews will be held in the recreation office, which is located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance.

Positions available will be: one camp director who must have an extensive background in education or recreation with strong emphasis on program planning; one assistant director; 22 leaders with various strong points in tennis, arts & crafts, team sports, swimming, nature study, etc.; two leaders for the pre-school program.

Camp Rainbow Applications Available

Applications are now available for Camp Rainbow, a day camp for special needs children of Agawam. Applications may be picked up at the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the special education

department at your child's school. The camp will be held at Robinson Park School, Monday through Friday, beginning Wednesday, July 6th, and ending Thursday, August 18th.

Deadline for submitting applications will be on June 17th. Please return the application to the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department located at the Agawam High School, right, rear entrance. Follow the signs. If you wish to return the application by mail, please send it to the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Camp Rainbow Now Seeking Job Applicants

Applications are now available at the Town Manager's Office in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, or the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School for various counselor positions at Camp Rainbow. Located at Robinson Park School, Camp Rainbow is a day camp for special needs children of Agawam.

Persons who have been previously employed at Camp Rainbow will have preference but are reminded that they must complete an application to be considered.

Positions to be filled include camp director, speech therapist, and nurse and health aide. Head counselors are needed in the fields of physical education, music, arts & crafts, and water safety. To qualify for the previous positions one must have extensive background experience in special education. Five enterprising group leaders are also being sought. To apply for a position of group leader, one must be graduating from high school this June and furthering his/her education in the social service's field. This coming summer there will be six positions open for apprentice counselors (aides). These six people will work on a one-on-one basis with the campers in most need of help. To qualify for an apprentice counselor's position, one must have volunteered at Camp Rainbow for one summer session.

Camp Rainbow will run from July 6th to August 18th, with a staff day conducted on July 5th. Daily camp hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Deadline for returning job applications to the Town Manager's Office will be Friday, May 13th.

WSPR Radio 1250 Promoting Community

Agawam Town Manager Reid S. Charles and the Town Council of the Town of Agawam have designated WSPR radio (Supertalk 1250 am) the "official" radio station of "Founders/Nostalgia Day," which will be highlighted by a day of celebration on the campus of Heritage Hall, Agawam, Sunday, May 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WSPR will devote the entire month of May on the air to saluting the Town of Agawam, including broadcasting an extensive historic overview of the town, spotlighting milestones in its rich, colorful past, and detailing its modern-day tourist and business attractions.

According to WSPR Executive Vice President Al Herskovitz, "Agawam is a sensational community. We, at WSPR, consider its entering its 353rd year to be of tremendous historic and cultural significance. WSPR is pulling out all the stops in making this one of our most ambitious on-air undertakings."

Included in WSPR's programming about Agawam are extensive interviews with community leaders and merchants, including Town Manager Reid Charles, Town Council President Donald Rheault, Town Council Vice President Jesse Fuller, and Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee Chairman Ritchie Mitnick.

In addition, WSPR will broadcast live from the site of "Founders/Nostalgia Day," Sunday, May 15th, at Heritage Hall, 61 Cooper Street, in addition to running an informative series of interviews with Genesis Health Ventures (Heritage Hall's parent company) personnel and residents.

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Dog Officer Notes

by Robert Burke
Agawam Animal Control Officer

I recently attended a seminar on the Mandatory Sterilization Bill at UMass that goes into effect July 1st, 1988.

This new law will require that all dogs and cats adopted, sold, or given away from public or private animal shelters be spayed or neutered, or that a deposit be collected which will be refunded when proof of sterilization is presented.

This new law has been sponsored by the humane societies of America in order to cut down on the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

A good example of this was dropped in my lap April 21st when I was called-out to North West Street. Someone had dropped off a female dog with a fresh litter of pups under a row of tall Junipers with a blanket and a bag of dog food. (Now, wasn't that considerate of them?)

The female was a medium-sized mixed breed, brown in color, with a tail like a husky. She was being watched over by a black labrador male.

The labrador was obviously a much better provider and more caring for the female and her puppies than her owner ever thought of being. The thought of how anyone could just drop-off a family of dogs in this manner did not exactly highlight my day, to say the least.

If you have a female dog or cat, do yourself and your pet a great favor and have it spayed. If you have a male dog or cat, have it neutered. Neutering discourages wandering, fights, car accidents, and diseases. (Remember you of anyone you know?) Both you and the pet will be much happier for it.

The Cost Of Spaying Or Neutering Is Too High?

Contact the M.S.P.C.A. or Concerned Citizens for Animals, Inc. The number for the M.S.P.C.A. in Springfield is 785-1221. You can reach Concerned Citizens for Animals, Inc., by writing to: **Concerned Citizens for Animals, Inc. SR 209, Old Westfield Road, Granville, MA, 01034.**

If you need financial assistance for spaying or neutering your pets, these organizations can provide the help you may need. I have placed a notice with pamphlets on how to obtain this assistance at the Town Clerk's office. Stop in and pick one up.

Also, I would like to publicly thank Dr. Richard Vincunas and his staff at the Feeding Hills Animal Hospital (along with Carolyn and Rose from the Town Clerk's office) for a very efficient rabies clinic this past weekend.

Melconian Endorses Elderly Health Benefits

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced her endorsement and full support of legislation which would protect elderly citizens when they buy health insurance to supplement their Medicare policies.

"Beware of 'celebrity'-sponsored policies advertised on TV or sent to your home by mail that may be worthless, or in actuality, may provide lower benefits than the costs of the premiums paid for these policies," warned Senator Melconian.

"Some of these policies have a two-year waiting period for pre-existing conditions; others begin to pay benefits only after the insured has been in the hospital for a period of time, such as three months."

State Representative Lawrence Alexander (D-Marblehead) filed House Bill 5312, a bill to protect elderly against these worthless policies. In testimony before Chairman Melconian (Senate chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Insurance), Alexander pointed out the legislation would require that the policies sold in Massachusetts meet basic industry standards of value.

Furthermore, the bill would require that the advertising explain in easy-to-understand language what a given policy will offer. It would also extend Massachusetts truth-in-advertising law to products, plans, and policies of out-of-state insurers who adver-

tise on TV or who advertise through publications and through the mail.

"Massachusetts needs to adopt stricter laws which will protect elderly consumers in their purchases of Medicare supplemental insurance policies; specifically, the Commonwealth must regulate what policies can be sold in this state and be prepared to prosecute and punish those who advertise falsely or misleadingly and leave our elderly without protection," stated Senator Melconian.

On the national level, Congressional studies in the 1970's disclosed a significant and frightening pattern of fraud and misrepresentation in the sale of Medicare supplemental policies. "Massachusetts, long a leader in consumer protection legislation, must be a wayshower in sending a clear message to unscrupulous insurers that the elderly citizens of this state will no longer be easy, vulnerable, prey for their policies," said Senator Melconian.

"This legislation, House Bill 3512, will protect those insurers who offer a legitimate product to senior citizens. Most importantly, it will impede the ability of those insurers who are trying to make money at the expense of Massachusetts elderly consumers. I will use all my efforts to work toward the passage of this legislation," she concluded.

Citizens For Life Dinner Chaired By Ashe

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr., dinner chairman for the 14th Annual Massachusetts Citizens for Life Mother's Day Dinner, announced today the selection of U.S. Congressman Henry J. Hyde as the guest speaker at Chez Josef, Thursday, May 19th.

Hyde represents the Illinois 6th Congressional District just west of Chicago, and was first elected to Congress in November, 1974. He is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the permanent Select Committee on Intelligence as the ranking Republican member.

Hyde has gained national stature for his "Hyde Amendment," which has stopped Federal Medicaid funding of abortion allowed through all nine months of pregnancy. He has been a leading champion for the unborn and his zeal has not wavered since first elected to Congress in 1974.

Hyde authored the very popular pro-Christian value

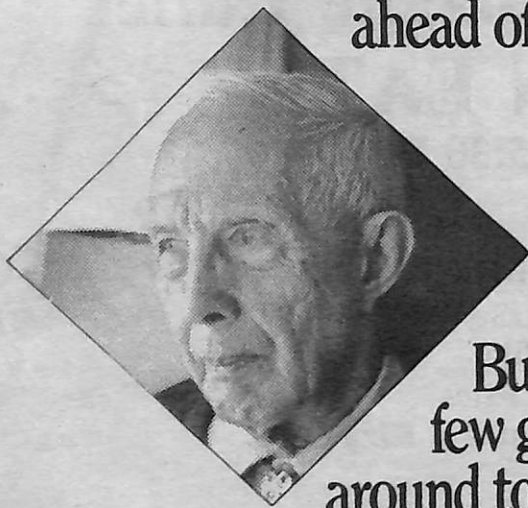
Book, "For Every Idle Silence," where Hyde, a devout Christian, outlines how his political views are based on Christian values.

When the "Hyde Amendment" was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court by Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the A.C.L.U., the plaintiffs stated that the "Hyde Amendment" would be "...used as a fist of government to smash the wall of separation between church and state by imposing a peculiarly religious view of when human life began..." His mail was examined for religious quotes and sayings by the A.C.L.U., and a private investigator followed him to church.

Hyde will long be remembered for his intellectual input into the so-called "Iran-Contra" hearings.

Tickets are available through the Massachusetts Citizens for Life Office, 583-5034, Mary Martin, 737-4356, and Monica Butler, 569-5226.

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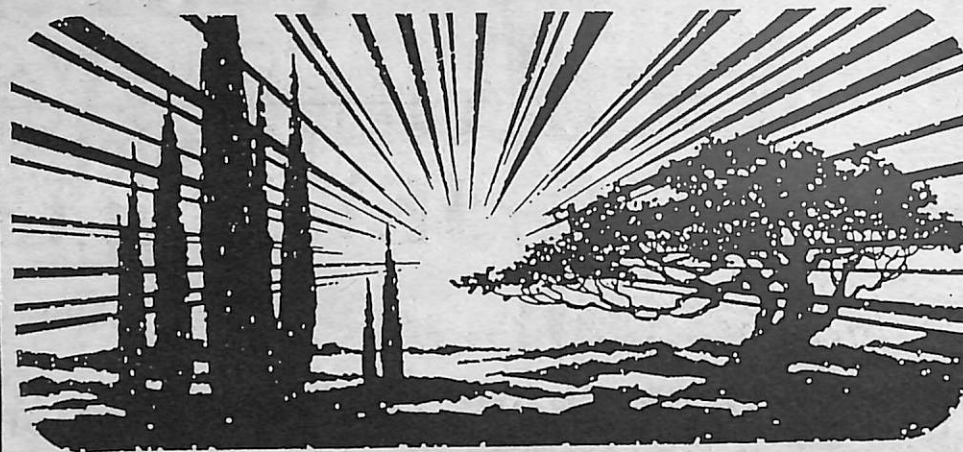
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MR. & MRS. WILLIAM B. LOWELL

Ellen Ann Baker Weds William B. Lowell Of Agawam

Miss Ellen Ann Baker became the bride of William Bliss Lowell of Agawam, Saturday, April 16th. The Reverend Terrence Devino officiated at the double ring ceremony at St. Thomas The Apostle Church, West Springfield. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baker of 20 Exeter Street, West Springfield. The groom's parents are Mr. & Mrs. John L. Lowell of Gunn Geary Lane, Agawam.

The bride was attended by Laura Slowick, sister of the bride, as matron of honor. Bridesmaids, all college-mates of the bride, were Martha Quinlan of West Hartford, Connecticut, Deborah Berlied of Concord, Massachusetts, and Kathleen Haley of Westwood, Massachusetts.

The bride's gown, designed in ivory satin and French reemebroidered alencon lace, was embellished with seed pearls and iridescent sequins. It terminated to a cathedral length train with Italian cut work and lace. A saucer hat designed in ivory satin with alencon lace fell to an oval finger length veil.

Attending the groom as best man was James Lowell, brother of the groom. Serving as ushers were John Lowell, also a brother of the groom; David DeChristopher, and Edward Miles.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at Storowton Carriage House. The couple left on a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, and will reside on Queen Avenue, West Springfield.

Both the bride and groom are teachers at White Brook Middle School, Easthampton.



JOANNA ALBANO

Joanna Albano Engaged To Wed David Williamson

Mr. & Mrs. Al Albano of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanna Albano, to David Williamson.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Williamson of Feeding Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is employed at the Mercy Hospital Medical Building, Springfield.

Her fiancé, also a graduate of Agawam High School, is employed by Hamilton Standard, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

A September 24th wedding is planned at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Springfield, and a reception will follow at The Oaks, Agawam.

St. Anthony's Church Slates Meatball-Macaroni Dinner

The Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony's Church, Maple Street, Agawam, will sponsor a Meatball-Macaroni Dinner, Wednesday, May 11th, with servings from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the church hall.

Donation is \$3.75 for adults, and \$2 for children 12 years and under.

The menu will include macaroni-meatballs, salad, rolls, dessert, hot and cold drinks.

Proceeds of the dinner will benefit church maintenance. Chairwoman of the dinner is Dorothy Pilegi.

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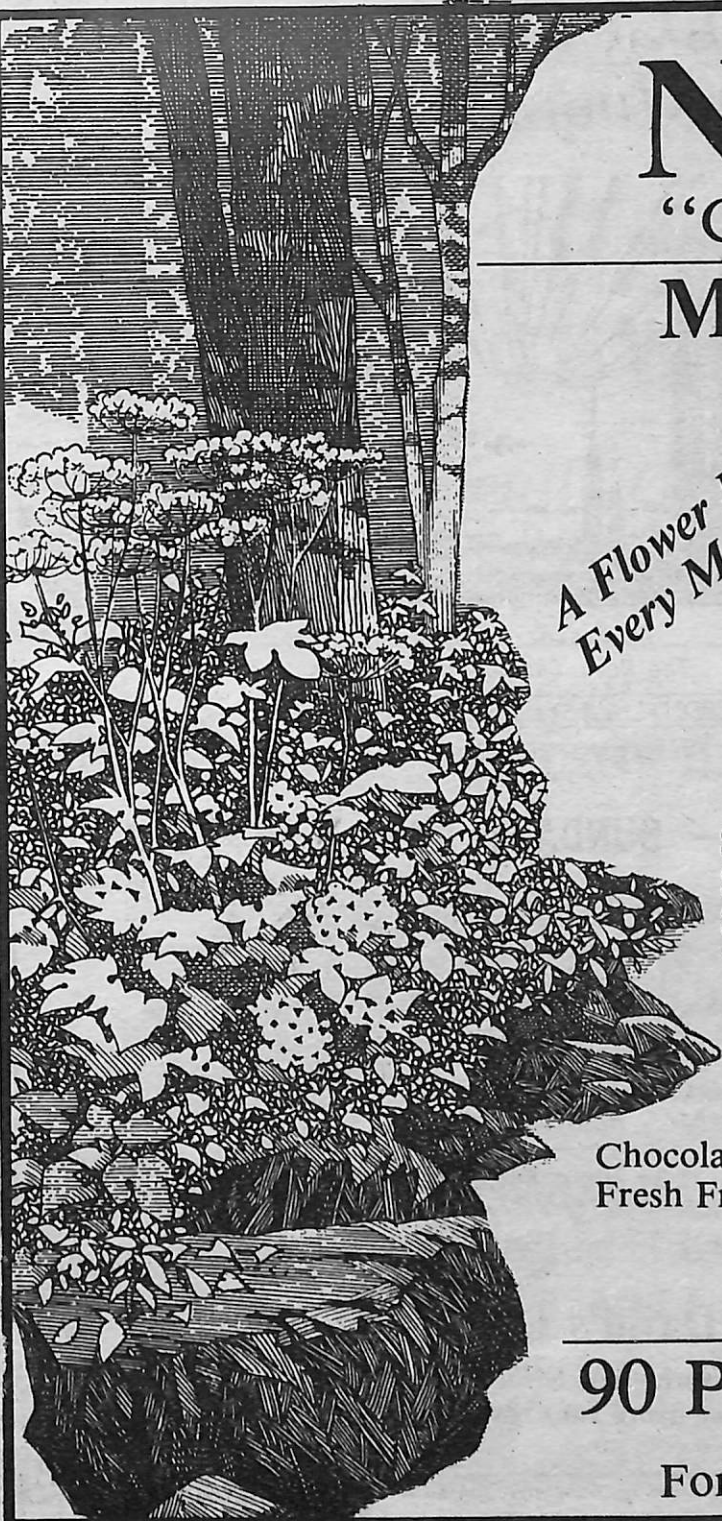
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FROM THE PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Ag. Founders/Nostalgia Day

Pastors of the Agawam churches met last week to discuss the conflict created by the scheduling of "Agawam Founders/Nostalgia Day" for Sunday, May 15th. Although those gathered were in total agreement as to supporting this fine celebration, co-sponsored by Heritage Hall Nursing Home and the Town of Agawam, we also were unanimous in our opposition to scheduling a town-wide event of this nature on Sunday morning.

Just two weeks ago, this column quoted a statement from the Interfaith Council of Western Massachusetts which said, in part: "In planning any communal event...it is wise and thoughtful to give consideration to those who wish to participate, but do not want to violate or compromise the requirements and tenets of their respective religions. Each is free to do as he or she wishes, but let us be good, thoughtful neighbors and friends—doing to others as we might wish others to do to us—respectfully avoiding the creation of unnecessary

conflicts with anyone's religious observance."

After some discussion with those planning this event, we are pleased and grateful for changes which have been made in the scheduling. With the exception of the 10:00 a.m. Road Race, all other events have been moved past the noon hour, eliminating the major conflicts with the various religious services held throughout our town on Sunday mornings. We thank all those who made such changes possible, and urge every citizen to support what looks to be a very fine event.

However, it is well to ask: when the event was being planned by Heritage Hall, and when town officials agreed to support it, why did no one seem to ask the question about the conflict with religious services? In undertaking an event such as this, with its town-wide emphasis, it is surprising that more careful consideration was not given to the Sunday activities and commitments of a significant portion of our population.

This oversight in planning only further heightens the concern expressed by this column two weeks ago. Across our country, and in our own community, we are seeing more and more public and athletic events scheduled in conflict with religious holy day observances, and less and less expressions of a "good neighbor policy" of respecting each others' religious convictions.

The Agawam Clergy wishes to call attention to this growing problem, and appeals to civic and recreational leaders to do everything possible to schedule public activities in a responsible and caring manner. Our people, our town, our country, and our future will thank you for it.

Farmers' Market Opens In Springfield

The 1988 downtown Springfield Farmers' Market officially opened May 4th, and continues every Wednesday through October. Sponsored by Springfield Central, the Market is held at Main and East Court Streets in front of the Civic Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except in July, August, and September, when the hours are extended to 4:00 p.m.

The season opens with eight local farmers selling fresh cut and dried flowers, perennial and annual plants, and seasonal fresh produce, to include greens such as asparagus and spinach. And for the sweet tooth, maple syrup, maple cookies, and other baked

goods will be in plentiful supply.

By July a total of 19 farmers will be offering an abundance of the finest in fresh fruits and vegetables, organic produce, homemade herb and fruit blend juices, and fresh herbs, such as coriander, thyme, majoram, and several varieties of basil.

The Market is located on the PVTa bus route and parking is available in the East Court Street parking lot for added shopping convenience.

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Westfield La Leche League To Meet May 10

Mothers or expectant mothers interested in information about breastfeeding are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Westfield La Leche League. It will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 60 Broad Street, in Westfield. The topic for this month's meeting is, "The Advantages of Breastfeeding: Why Breast is Best." Nursing babies are welcome.

La Leche League offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual, *The Womanly Art Of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

For further information, call Carol at 562-3160 or Chris at 534-3492.

Catholic Womens' Club Plans Banquet At The Oaks

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold their final meeting of the season with a banquet at the new Oaks Banquet House, Monday, May 9th. Jackie Hayes, president, will preside over the event. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

If you have not been contacted and wish to attend this lovely affair, please contact Ann Sorel, 786-1667, or Joan Martel, 786-2035.

Chairwoman for the banquet is Lillian Doyle. Serving with her on the committee are Mickey Morin, Kay Capitano, Penny DeForge, Lee Owens, Gloria Colby, Joan Martel, Pat Sherry, Ann Sorel, Margaret Saliba, and Denise Laudato.

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Saturday, May 7th
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Tuesday, May 10th
Agawam Garden Club Meeting
Speaker: Bob Holland
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11th
Macaroni & Meatball Dinner
St. Anthony's Church
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

June 4th & June 5th, Saturday & Sunday
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Third Generation Of Currans Institute Grads



JOSEPH CURRAN, vice-president of Curran-Jones Funeral Homes (center) receives a certificate for being the third generation of Currans who graduated from New England Institute in Boston. Shown here are three generations of Currans - P. Joseph Curran, first generation and original proprietor of Curran-Jones (photo on wall); Joseph Curran, third generation; and Richard J. Curran, second generation and current president (right). James Johnson, regional representative for New England Institute (left), presents the certificate to Joseph Curran.

Agawam VFW Ladies Aux. Elects New Officers

Agawam Auxiliary 1632 has recently elected officers for the 1988-89 year. They include Noreen Fusick, president; Rita Shea, senior vice president; Sue Hayden, junior vice president; Linda Sousa, treasurer; Linda Passon, secretary; Gladys Belcher, chaplain; Judy Broden, conductress; Sue Cassamassee, guard; Ann Palmer, trustee one; Mary Driscoll, trustee two; Christine Jones, trustee three. Appointed patriotic instructor was Andrea Luginbuhl; Peg Brown, historian; Rita Shea, hospital chairwoman.

The Junior Girls Unit elected officers: Lydia Goupee, president; Nicole Rosario, senior vice president; Krista Dulas, junior vice president; D. Vicki Sousa, treasurer; Barbara Carra, secretary; Rhonda Guevin, chaplain; Nikole Seymour, conductress; Jackie Snare, guard.

Both Auxiliary and Junior Girls Unit will be installed with their post, Friday, May 20th, at 6:00 p.m.

Rita Shea, outgoing president, will be the installing officer with Linda Passon as installing secretary. Ann Sorel of West Springfield Auxiliary 6714 will be installing conductress with four color bearers from Barcomb Trowbridge 6714.

Airman Jeffrey D. Barker Graduates Basic Training

Air Force Reserve Airman Jeffrey D. Barker, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest W. Barker of 89 Cherry Street, Feeding Hills, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

He is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Mitch's Nursery Continues To Grow & Grow & Grow...

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"Our first contract was mowing two ladies' lawns for \$7 a week," says Rich Nicoletta, co-owner of **Mitch's Nursery, Home and Garden Center, Inc.**, 1265 Suffield Street, Agawam.

To say that Rick and his brother, Steve, have expanded their business would be an understatement, for in little more than 12 years, that lawn mowing endeavor has grown into a two-acre showroom and yard area that reaches well beyond the landscaping work that got them started.

Mitch's Nursery has all the staples required by do-it-yourselfers: spades, rakes, lawnmowers, fertilizers, seedlings, ornamental trees and shrubs, birdbaths and fountains, ornamental stones, and sculpture. Their recent expansion into the patio furnishings line resulted in conversion of part of one greenhouse into a showroom for outdoor comfort.

The sales yard encompasses two acres of every kind of tree and shrub imaginable, from traditional azaleas and rhododendrons to flowering crabapple and star magnolia trees. The list reads like a What's What in a botanical garden, the biggest problem facing each customer being the choice of "What to choose..."

But **Mitch's** goes beyond home gardening and lawn care, offering a diverse selection of home improvement goods. Kitchen tools (spatulas, bowls, cookware), plumbing supplies, paint and hardware, window shades, closet shelving. It's all in this seemingly endless shop.

Mitch's staff (up to 25 employees at its peak season), has branched into irrigation systems and now service residential, industrial, commercial, and municipal clients, in addition to offering irrigation equipment for the home handyman to install. These in-ground systems are the newest addition to this growing business.

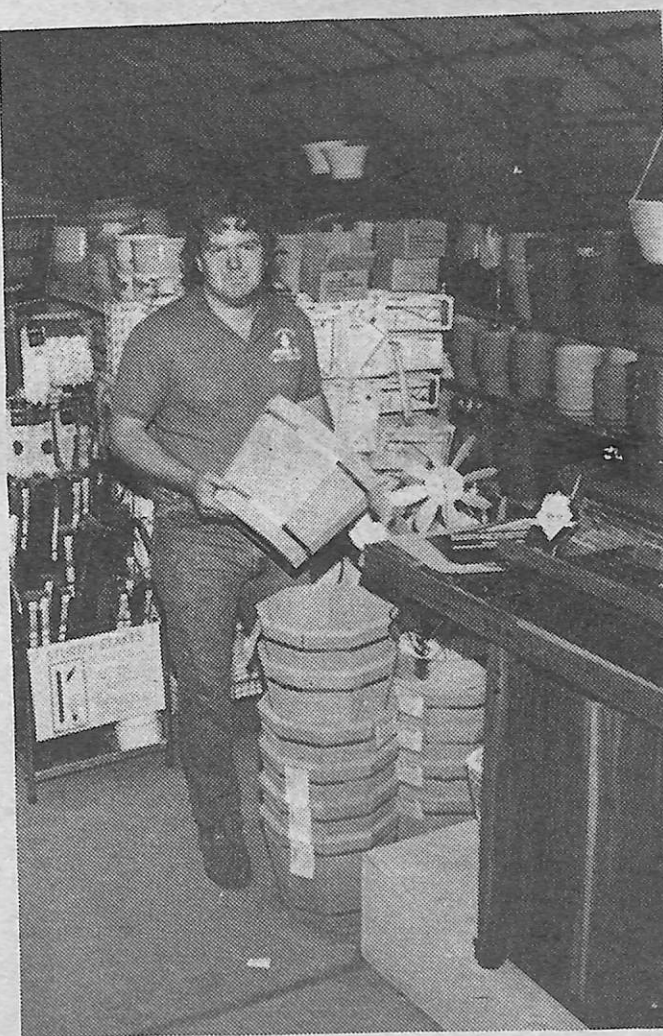
While browsing through **Mitch's** showroom, relaxing music filtered through the background, making this reporter want to sink into a soft, cushiony patio chair and sip a tall cool lemonade—just the right atmosphere when shopping for creature comforts. One could almost imagine a steak grilling on one of the Charmglow gas grills on display nearby.

This diverse establishment offers something for almost every do-it-yourself gardener's needs—and more. Power equipment is another expanding line of merchandise offered here.

Mitch's Nursery is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



MITCH'S NURSERY, HOME and Garden Center is located at 1265 Suffield Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MITCH'S NURSERY EMPLOYEE MARK THIBEAULT is kept busy all day long with all the activity at the Suffield Street business. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Advising homeowners in setting fair and realistic prices, as well as helping them secure the best value for their homes, is just one of the services offered by George & Green Real Estate, which is a member of RELO-Inter City Relocation Service, the nation's oldest and largest referral network of independent real estate brokers.

The RELO network, headquartered in Chicago, specializes in helping individuals, many of them corporate transferees, in selling a house in one community and buying a home in another.

"Prices are most often set by checking the current prices of comparable homes in your neighborhood or area," George notes. "Our sales associates are one of the best sources of this information because they are familiar with your community from working with other home sellers like you in the past," he adds.

Local title insurance companies represent another source for help in home pricing. They often have listings of comparable home sales, George notes.

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If you would rather not price the home yourself, you also could consider hiring an appraiser, George says. The appraiser's fee could vary widely, depending on the one you select, the size of the home, and the scope of the services being performed.

"Once you have established a fair market price, you might want to add a small margin, such as three percent to five percent, for negotiations," George says.

He adds, "The key to arriving at an asking price is to be as sure as possible that this price is realistic in today's housing market, considering your particular home, its condition and amenities and the community in which you live."

"Not pricing your home right can lead to needless and time-consuming delays and also can affect your pocketbook in cases in which you have underpriced the property," George concludes.

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Richard J. Curran Now In Mainland China

A delegation of mortuary science experts from the United States has been invited to tour five cities in the People's Republic of China. Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Curran, of Agawam, were one of nine couples chosen to represent the United States during the fourteen day trip. Curran is president of Curran-Jones Funeral Home of West Springfield and Agawam, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the visit is for the delegation to engage in meaningful and mutually beneficial exchanges with Chinese professionals. Areas to be covered include funeral customs and practices where the differences in culture, religions, and regions will be examined. Participants will discuss procedures and protection of the deceased, government regulations for handling the deceased, and the data between the number of deaths and number of disposed deaths. Topics presented exclusively by the U.S. include construction management and administration of cemeteries in the U.S., and facilities for cremating and its present status. Mr. Curran will be delivering a speech on "Merchandising and modern funeral facilities as they relate to the culture."

Eight other couples from states all over the country including Illinois, Missouri, Arizona, Nevada, and Ohio, departed from San Francisco on May 4th, 1988. The itinerary includes arriving in Shanghai on May 5, spending three nights then traveling to Beijing. After four nights in Beijing, they will travel to Xian for two nights, then to Guangzhou for two nights. They will travel to and depart from Hong Kong on May 18 to return to the U.S.

Guests from the U.S. will visit Ba Bao Shan revolutionary cemeteries and funeral parlors. They will also pay respect to chairman Mao Tse Tung's remains.

Community Savings Announces Earnings

Community Savings Bank of Holyoke, with a branch office in Feeding Hills Center, announced its earnings for the quarter ended March 31st, 1988.

Net income was \$1,253,000, representing a 14.0 percent increase over the \$1,099,000 earned during 1987. On an earnings per share basis, net income was \$.28 per share (\$.24 per share assuming exercise of the warrant issued to Heritage-NIS Bank for Savings, and exercise of stock options), compared to \$.24 per share earned during 1987.

Total assets were \$582 million on March 31st, 1988, compared to \$531.0 million on March 31st, 1987, representing an increase of 9.6 percent. Loans on March 31st, 1988, were \$480.3 million, compared to \$367.5 million, representing an increase of 30.7 percent. Stockholders' equity on March 31st, 1988, was \$89.8 million, or 15.4 percent of total assets.

On April 5, 1988, the stockholders of Community Savings Bank at their annual meeting approved, by more than two-thirds vote, the Agreement and Plan of Merger with Heritage-NIS Bank for Savings. Management is now awaiting regulatory approval, which is expected soon. Operational planning for the combination of the two banks has been ongoing for several months.

Community Savings Bank has 15 regional branch offices and is one of the leading residential mortgage lenders in the region. The bank has a real estate brokerage subsidiary (Landry, Lyons & Whyte Company), full service investment brokerage (INVEST), and life insurance operations (SBLI), as well as commercial lending operations.

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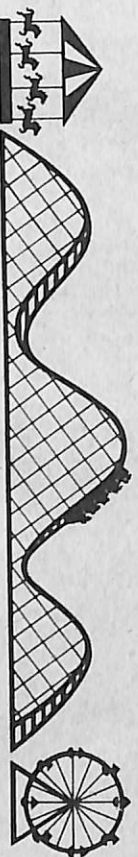
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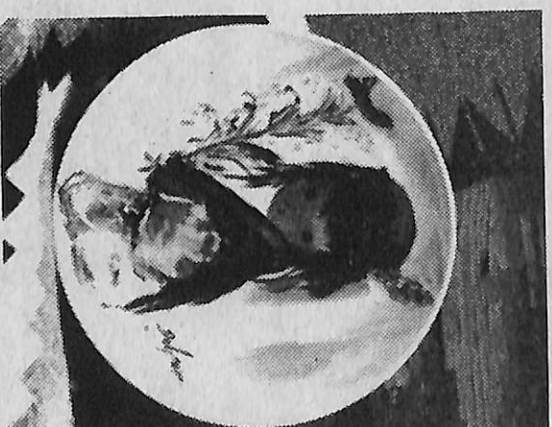
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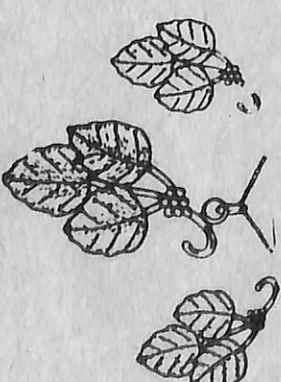


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Nellie Mathias Retires After 38 Years

After 38 years of waitressing, 33 years of which were spent at the Mountain Laurel in Enfield, Connecticut, Nellie Mathias of 71 Federal Avenue, Agawam, announced her retirement recently. The closing of the Mountain Laurel to convert the long-standing landmark to a medical center prompted her decision. She has also worked at such well known restaurants as the Jennings Tea Room, where she met her husband, and the Canton Restaurant.

A native of Springfield, she has resided in Agawam

for over 35 years with her husband, Joseph.

She and her husband have two daughters, Maryann Majewski of Hatfield and Cynthis Mathias of Springfield and one granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Majewski.

In her newly-acquired spare time, she plans on enjoying her home and family, shopping for bargains, and perhaps returning to school.

A happy, healthy retirement is wished to her by her family and friends.

All the hometown news with us, every week!!!

News & Activities Ag. Senior Center

May 7th: Saturday night Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

May 9th: 12:30 p.m. Special Program, Western Massachusetts Medicare Advocacy Project.

May 12th: 12:30 p.m. Special Program, Veterans Service.

May 14th: Saturday night Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

May 17th: 12:30 p.m. (Tent) Special Program, Massachusetts Dental Society.

May 17th: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, M-Z.

May 19th: 7:00 a.m., Trip to West Point, New York

May 17th, 18th, 19th: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Art Exhibit.

May 19th: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Foot nurses, by appointment.

May 21st: Saturday night Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

May 23rd: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., "Keep Moving" Special Rally, Quabbin Reservoir. Reservations now open. All walkers over 50.

May 26th: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Commodities.

May 28th: Saturday night Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

May 30th: Senior Center closed, Memorial Day observed.

May is "National Volunteer Month." This is a perfect time to recognize and thank our 83 volunteers who give so much of their time at the Center. Every volunteer is very special and important to us, for without them, there would be large gaps to fill. Volunteers, we salute you.

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Heritage Hall Events

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK! Hazel Anderson

Hazel Anderson was born August 27th, 1891 in Monson. She is one of three children. Hazel attended the local school system in Monson, and then in Belchertown after her family relocated.

Hazel resided in Belchertown until 1971 when she relocated her residency to Heritage Hall. She continues to lead an active life attending a variety of programs. Her two favorites are oil painting with instructor Ted Crowley, and taking care of Blackberry the rabbit, Heritage Hall's newest addition.

When Hazel is not attending a program, she can be found sitting in the lobby keeping track of everybody as they come and go.

Heritage Hall is pleased to have Hazel as a member of its family.

Down Memory Lane!

Residents of Heritage Hall were recently entertained by the talented Cindy Singers. As the 15 members of the group accompanied by a piano and string bass performed, they carried everyone back through the years with a variety of great selections. "Oh Suzannah," "Baby Face," "Sentimental Journey," "Camptown Races," and "Kiss Me Kate" were only a few of the melodies they sang.

Residents of Heritage Hall would like to extend a thank-you to the Cindy Singers for the delightful stroll down memory lane and a great evening of entertainment.

Fashion Show!

It is every woman's dream to be able to be in a fashion show and model pretty clothes. This week that dream was fulfilled for many of the residents.

Ladies were called upon to model pretty dresses and robes, and gentlemen modeled sweaters and shirts.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments made by the cooking class and Marion Kennis served the tea. It was a pleasant way to spend an afternoon and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Music With Tom

On Saturday afternoon, residents of Heritage Hall were entertained by the talented Tom Bilodeau. As he played melodious tunes on his accordion, several residents and family members joined in a sing-a-long.

Tom has been entertaining residents at Heritage Hall for several years, and still draws a crowd as if it was his first performance every time he comes.

Heritage Hall would like to extend a thank-you to Tom for sharing his talents with us.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

Ann Merdeiros

Ann Merdeiros was chosen as "Employee of the Month" for April. She has been employed at Heritage Hall since February 1979. Ann began her employment in the South Building and transferred to North Building in August 1980, accepting the position of Responsible Person in the level four unit.

Ann consistently displays her dedication, loyalty, and dependability in her daily work. She demonstrates her caring by the many little things she does for residents such as visiting them during a hospital stay, warming milk for someone having trouble falling asleep, and many other little things.

Heritage Hall would like to congratulate Ann on being "Employee of the Month."



RESIDENT OF THE WEEK Hazel Anderson

SENIOR CENTER - From Page 21...

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H-as the spirit
E-nergetic

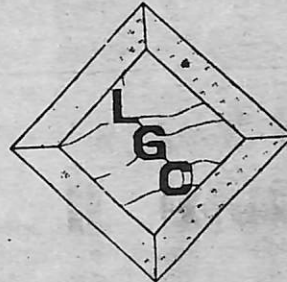
J-oins forces
O-bliging
B-onds new friends

Victory Garden Project:

There is still room for more gardeners to participate in our garden project. We have the seeds and the plants. If you are an Agawam resident, you are eligible to join us in this fun-filled summer project. The land is available through the courtesy of Hampden County Sheriff's Office. Please call 786-0400, extension 242, Activities Department.

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Ingredients:

6½ cups all-purpose flour
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2 teaspoons salt
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2 eggs, at room temperature
Filling variations follow

Method:

Set aside 1 cup flour. In large bowl, mix remaining flour, sugar, salt, and yeast. Heat water, milk, and margarine until hot to touch (125° to 130°F); stir into dry mixture. Stir in eggs and only enough reserved flour to make soft dough. On lightly floured surface, knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Divide dough in half; roll out each half to a 14X8-inch rectangle. Spread each with half of desired filling (follows). Roll up from long sides as for jelly roll; seal seams. Cut each roll into 12 equal pieces. Arrange, cut sides up, in two greased 9-inch round cake pans. Cover; let rise in warm draft-free place until doubled in size, about 55 minutes.

Bake at 375°F for 25 to 30 minutes or until done. Remove from pans to wire racks. Serve warm or cold.

Cinnamon Nut Rolls: Brush dough rectangles with 2 tablespoons melted margarine or butter. In medium bowl, combine ¾ cup chopped pecans, ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar, ½ cup seedless raisins, and 1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon; blend well. Sprinkle over dough rectangles. After baking, cool slightly; drizzle with confectioners' sugar icing.

Lemon Nut Rolls: Brush dough rectangles with 2 tablespoons melted margarine or butter. In medium bowl, combine ¾ cup chopped walnuts, ¾ cup firmly packed light brown sugar and 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel; blend well. Sprinkle over dough rectangles.

Pineapple Coconut Rolls: Drain 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple. In medium bowl, combine drained pineapple, 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted, and 2 tablespoons sugar. Spread over dough rectangles.

Fresh tomatoes and bacon make a delicious duo. Here they turn potato salad into a very special treat, ready to go to lunch, picnics or potluck suppers. For this recipe it's best to use tomatoes which hold their shape nicely like the ones arriving from Florida now through May. Be sure to ripen them first at room temperature for a few days until they're fully red-ripe. This way they'll have their best flavor.

Warm Tomato, Bacon & Potato Salad

Ingredients:

1 pound Florida tomatoes (2 large)
1 cup cooked cubed potatoes
2 strips bacon, diced
½ cup chopped onion
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar

Wood Carving Topic Of Garden Club Meeting

The Agawam Garden Club will meet Tuesday, May 10th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Speaker for the evening will be Bob Holland of East Longmeadow, and his topic will be "Wood Carving: An American Folk Art."

The program will describe some history on wood carving, especially during the American Colonial period. Also included will be a demonstration of wood carving and an explanation of the kinds of wood and tools to use for carving.

There will be a display of his work, including reproductions of Early American tavern signs and old Santa Claus. Holland is a supplier to several shops and collectors around the country.

Final plans will be made for the Annual Plant Sale to be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House, Saturday, May 21st.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting, and new members are welcome to attend.

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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCILOR JESSIE D. FULLER (also a member of the Agawam's Women's Club) presents a proclamation from the Town of Agawam to Phyllis Catchepaugh, an organizer of the upcoming "Hazardous Waste Day" (center) as Women's Club President Evelyn Mogue looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

New Women's Club President



THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB will be guided for the 1988-89 club year by Evelyn Mogue (left). The outgoing president is Karen Douglass (right). The Annual Banquet was held at The River Lodge. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Method:

Use tomatoes held at room temperature until fully ripe. Core and cut tomatoes into $\frac{3}{4}$ inch cubes; place in a large bowl. Add potatoes to tomatoes. In a medium skillet saute bacon until crisp; remove and reserve bacon; leave 2 tablespoons bacon fat in skillet, discarding remaining fat. In hot bacon fat saute onion until transparent, about 5 minutes. Stir in salt, sugar, and vinegar; pour over tomato mixture, tossing gently. Sprinkle with bacon. Serve warm. Sprinkle with chopped parsley if desired.

YIELD: $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups.

The spice blend, curry powder, was originally designed to save the cook time in the preparation of Indian dishes. It typically contains at least six different spices which are popular in Indian cookery. Unlike many of the curries prepared in India, however, curry powder is much milder in taste, containing less of the hottest spices. This recipe for mixed vegetables shows the versatility of curry in creating interesting twists in familiar foods. Note that curry powder is sauteed briefly first to round out its spice flavors before adding to the vegetables.

Curried Potatoes And Peas (Alu Matar)

Ingredients:

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant minced onion
1 teaspoon instant minced garlic
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
4 teaspoons curry powder
 $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds small new potatoes quartered (about 4 cups)
1 can (8 ounces) stewed tomatoes, crushed
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
1 teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 package (9 ounces) frozen green peas

Method:

In a custard cup combine water, onion, and garlic; let stand 10 minutes to soften. In a large skillet heat oil until hot. Add onion mixture; cook and stir until crisp tender, about 4 minutes. Stir in curry powder; cook and stir until golden, about 30 seconds. Add potatoes, tomatoes, water, salt, and black pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until potatoes are almost tender, about 18 minutes. Stir in peas; simmer, covered, until potatoes are tender, about 3 minutes.

YIELD: 4 portions, about 5 cups.

Women's Guild To Hold Rummage Sale May 19th

The Women's Guild of First Congregational Church in West Springfield is holding a Rummage Sale at the church, corner of Park and Lathrop Streets, on Thursday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Clean usable clothing will be offered, as well as dishes, glassware, linens, bedding, appliances, jewelry, books, kitchen gadgets, knick-knacks, and a table of "collectors' treasures."

A snack bar serving chowder, sandwiches, homemade desserts, and beverages will be open during sale hours.

Proceeds will be used for the Guild's Outreach Program.

Agawam UNICO To Hold Lick-A-Pop Drive May 6-7

Agawam UNICO will hold their Lick-A-Pop Drive, Friday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 7th. This annual drive will benefit the chapter's mental health program, and many community charities.

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RELATIVES OF WILLIAM & LUCILLE (LANGO) FOLEY of Hamilton Circle, Feeding Hills, gathered for a huge family reunion, Saturday, April 30th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Foley Relatives Gather For Huge Family Reunion

From as far away as Florida and North Carolina, and as close as North Agawam, relatives of William & Lucille (Lango) Foley of 81 Hamilton Circle, Feeding Hills, gathered Saturday, April 30th, for a reunion.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gallipeau arrived from Florida to begin a New England vacation, while Mr. Foley's daughter drove up from Elizabeth City, North Carolina, with her husband, Jim Reed, and their children, Brian, Kevin, Erinn, and Ian.

Pennsylvania sent the most relatives to the reunion: two Tuleja families—Mrs. Madeline Tuleja and her son, Craig Tuleja, and his family; and the Rush family, Mrs. Warren Rush and daughters, Deborah and Linda, and her grandson, John. Also from Pennsylvania, the

Coker family, headed by Gene Coker, and his daughter, Nancy, and son, Michael.

Mrs. Foley's daughter, Pat, and her husband, Kenneth Stawacz, formerly of Agawam, drove in from New Hampshire. Bernard & Sue Coker, who recently moved to New Hampshire from Pennsylvania, also attended with their family.

Other visitors from the North included Steve & Sharon Parcell and their family (from Upstate New York), and the Mondella family (from Rutland, Vermont).

Rhode Island was represented by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Anthony and the Dorsey family, both from Cranston. Closer to home, the reunion also included Mrs.

Foley's sisters, Jo, Jean, and Amy Lango of Rowley Street, and Vincent Gallerani. Mr. Foley's other two daughters, Sister Theresa Foley from the Sisters of St. Joseph, Holyoke, and Andrea of Belchertown, were also present.

The reunion brought together 75 relatives. All attended enjoyed plenty of delicious food, fun, games, and activities, and of course, a lot of reminiscing. Because everybody had such a wonderful time, plans are already being made for the next reunion some time in the near future.

What started out as an afternoon get-together turned into a weekend of celebration. It was a most stimulating tribute to Mr. & Mrs. William Foley.

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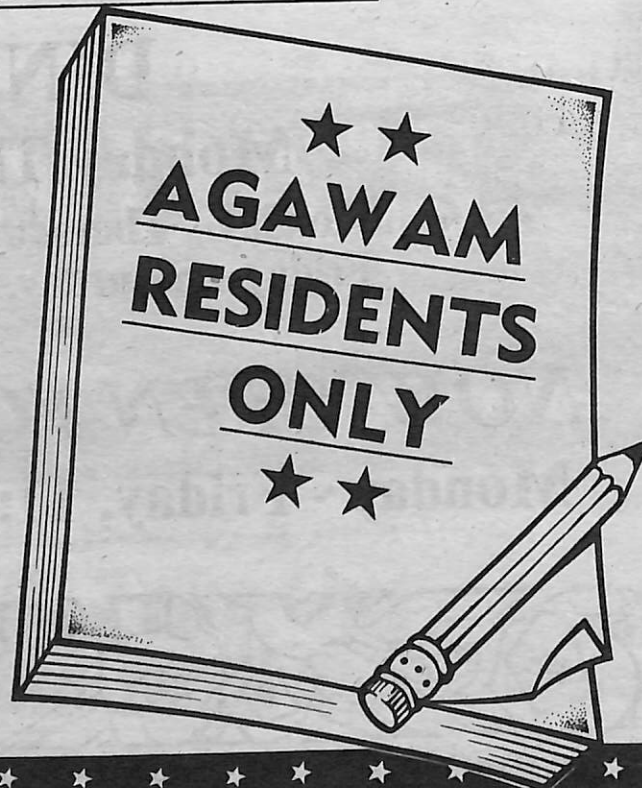
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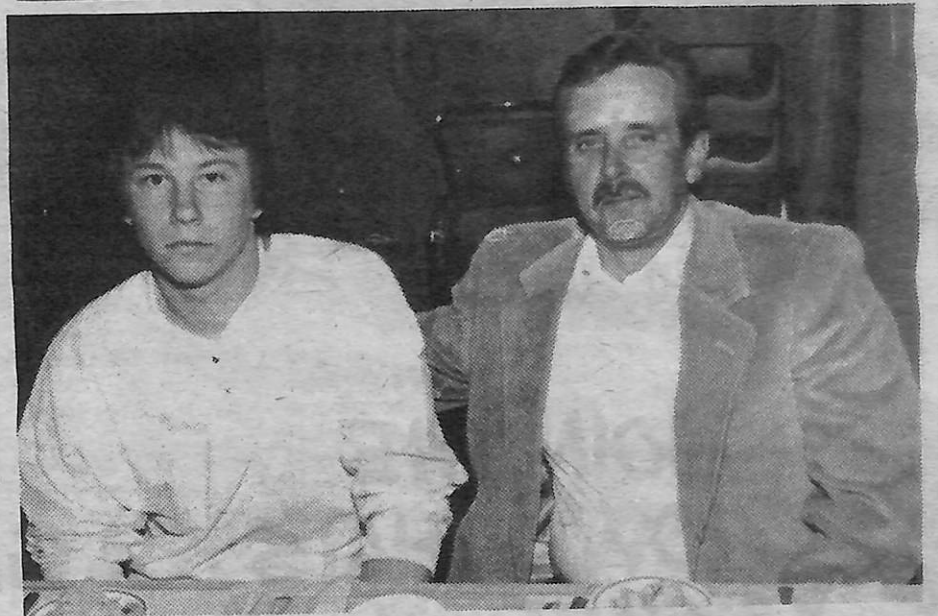
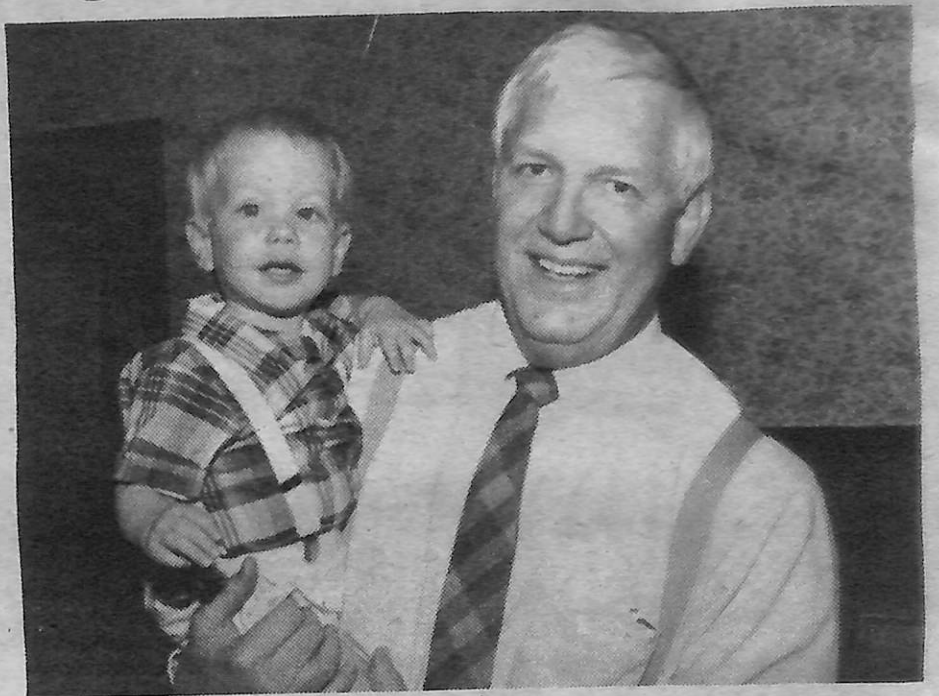
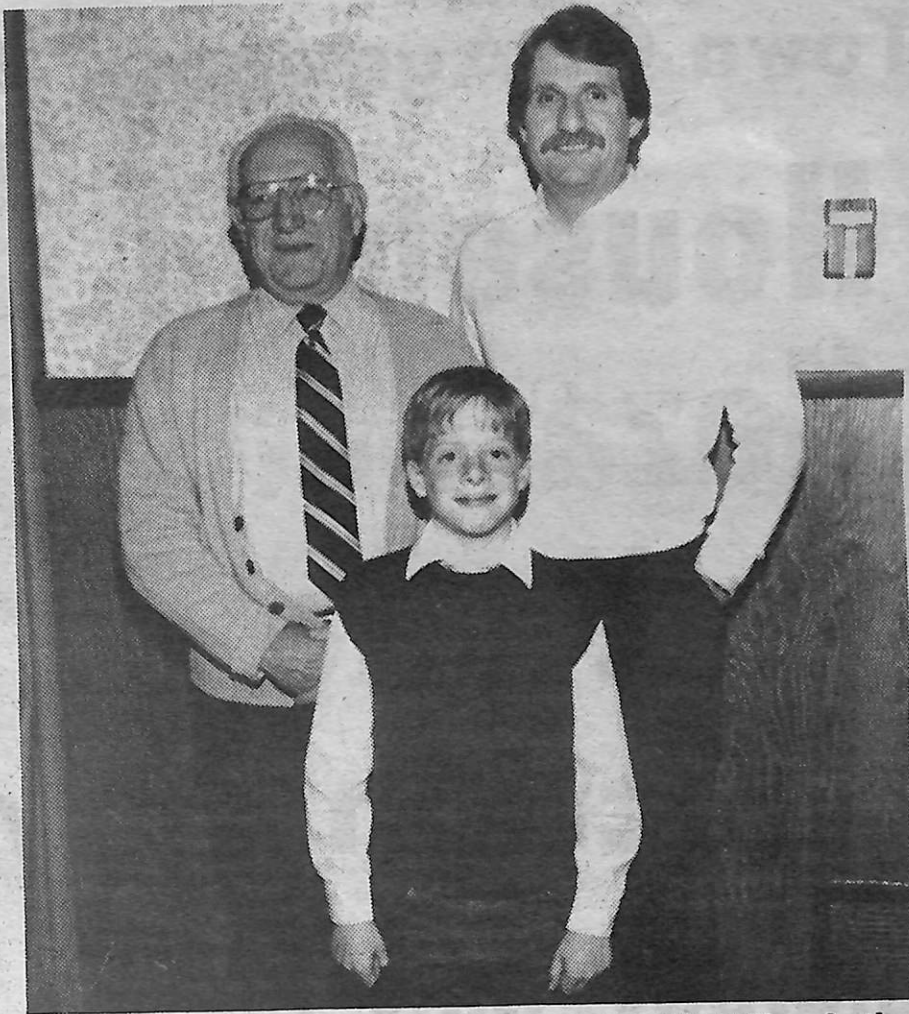
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Father/Son Banquet At Feeding Hills Congo Church



THE LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church hosted a Father/Son Banquet, Friday, April 29th, at the church. Pictured above, clockwise - three generations of Whites - Douglas C. White, Sr., Douglas C. White, Jr., and Ryan Douglas White, 8; Reverend Jim Moore with his son, Spencer; and Robert Marsh with his son, Joseph. Advertiser

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Lioness Tag Sale Another Fine Success



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LIONESS MEMBERS Terry Angatti and Mariam Taupier keep a close watch over the treasury at the Annual Tag Sale. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LENDING A HELPING HAND are Lioness members Diane Simpson, Joanne Attardi, and Karen Frantz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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I notice it's that time of year again. The start of the golf season.

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If you ask the average businessman about what he does to get ready, you'll likely get an answer something like this—"Oh, I'm really not out of shape. Besides, I swing the club a few times before tee-off. That's enough, right?" Then you notice that his paunch is popping over his pants, and he's out of breath just from showing you his two-over par stroke.

The fact is the way many people play the game of golf, it can be more destructive rather than beneficial to their health.

Golf is one of the most popular sports in America. I even play the game myself on occasion. Today, a large percentage of the players ride the full length and breadth of the course on a golfcart, do a great deal of talking and betting, which is followed by a full course of heavy drinking and eating on the 19th hole. This develops the paunch.

Do you know that a fairly large percentage of golfers also suffer from back problems. The reason for this is really quite simple. Driving a golfball off the tee, down a long fairway, requires a lot of physical effort. So does a long iron shot.

The problem is that you continually swing the club the same way, time-after-time-after-time. You are either right or left-handed. So when you repeatedly swing that club, one way, perhaps thousands of times each season, you are also twisting your spine and all the muscles, in the same direction over and over again.

Don't think that this doesn't create an imbalance in muscles. Don't think that vertebra in your spine aren't going to suffer, too. They can become misaligned (subluxated) and effect the function of delicate nerves. I have enough golfers as patients to know that this is fact.

So what can you do about it? Start adding some other forms of exercise that will be beneficial to your spine like swimming or bicycle riding. And if you really love the game of golf, a spinal examination by a doctor of chiropractic is in order. Perhaps a problem is developing and it can be corrected. This may save you the crisis of an emergency visit for treatment at some future time.

Providence Hospital Sets Next Series Of Classes On Family Planning

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital announces the next series of classes in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Birth control on Thursday, May 19, 1988, at the hospital.

According to Liz Howard, program director, persons wishing to attend the program must pre-register by May 16. Each series spans a period of three months and includes three large groups and three private sessions with fully certified Natural Family Planning instructors.

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Those interested in more information should contact Ms. Howard at Providence Hospital at 539-2955.

Providence Hospital Offers Arthritis Lecture

The next Arthritis lecture, "The disease process: The normal joint difference between various types of arthritis", a free monthly education program of the Providence Hospital Rheumatology Service, will be held on Friday, May 20, 1988, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

Shankar Garg, M.D., Rheumatologist, will give the lecture which will include slides and a question and answer period. The lecture is free of charge and is open to the public.

The program is held on a monthly basis and addresses a different aspect of arthritis each time.

Dr. Garg conducts the hospital's Rheumatology Consultation Service which meets each Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the hospital. Patients are referred to this service for evaluation and treatment by their own physician. Appointments may be made by contacting Dr. Garg's office.

Persons with questions on the education program or the consultation service may contact Dr. Garg at 536-5111.

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Mercy Women's Pavilion May Programs

The Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital is presenting "Breast Cancer and You," on **Monday, May 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.** The program teaches women about breast cancer, the importance and techniques of self-breast exams to increase the opportunity for early detection and successful treatment, and introduces mammography equipment and procedures. A film explaining mammography is included. No charge. Reservations are requested; call 785-4636.

The Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital is presenting an educational program on "The Menopausal Years" on **Monday, May 16, from 7 to 9 p.m.** Topics include why menopause occurs, physical and emotional symptoms, and methods of management. Registration fee is \$3. Reservations are requested; call 785-4636.

The "Mastectomy Support Group" of the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital will meet on **Tuesday, May 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.** Women who have experienced mastectomy or have been diagnosed as having breast cancer are invited to discuss their concerns, problems and feelings with others. No charge. Reservations are requested; call 785-4636.

The Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital is offering "Osteoporosis: The Silent Epidemic," on **Tuesday, May 24, from 7 to 9 p.m.** The program will address risk groups, awareness, common sense prevention, and treatment. Registration fee is \$3. Reservations are requested; call 785-4636.

Mental Illness Education Planned For Monday, May 9

"Mental Illness - No Fault Illness" is the program subject for the next meeting presented by the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts, Inc.

The free, open to the public forum, will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 9, 1988 at the Mt. Marie Conference Center, Lower Westfield Road, Holyoke. It is between Route 5 and the Holyoke Mall.

The speaker will be Dr. Bonnie R. Strickland, Professor of Psychology, University of Massachusetts. Dr. Strickland has published articles in the psychology field and has had extensive experience in research and as a clinician. She is also a past president of the American Psychological Association.

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Behind the wheel of our automobiles we act as if we really would rather hit the other person than let that son-of-a-gun get ahead of us. As we push our shopping cart toward the check-out counter, that crazy behavior that captivates us when we are behind the wheel of our car again takes over and we rush like mad to prevent anyone getting in front of us.

In our busy world of business, we rarely are concerned about the person, male or female, who is behind us as we walk through the door. At home it's not the "in" thing to serve your wife breakfast in bed, take your sister's plate off the table, wash the kitchen floor before someone has to get on your case to do it, or make sure that you leave the light on for your brother who isn't home yet. Courtesy just isn't popular today.

What's going on? Why does it seem as though people lack the awareness or the will to be more considerate of others? Very few people seem to want to give an inch because many of us feel that yards of us

are eaten up by other forces more powerful than ourselves. There is an inner resentment that we are unable to control our surroundings.

We cannot reduce the amount of taxes we pay and boil over with indignation when we think about the way that the federal government uses our money. Passion runs high as we helplessly stand-by and watch the terrorist threaten our safety and the unscrupulous introduce poison into packaged food and medicine. We gnash our teeth at the thought of nuclear annihilation and fume over the statistics on the young lives being destroyed by drugs. And we can't even get our children to do what they are told to do!!

This feeling of powerlessness leads to frustration; we explode when we experience some stupid little thing like someone pushing ahead of us. We resent any indication that we are being used again and feel justified as we snap back at any unsuspecting individual who happens to cross our path.

"Why should I clean the bathroom sink...hold the door for the person walking after me...compliment a sibling on the way she looks or the great job she did...ask if any mail is going to the post office...NO ONE DOES IT FOR ME."

That's where we have to try to turn it around and recognize that you are not a pushover or a wimp if you

are considerate of others. When we put the needs or feelings of another person before our own we express one of the most noble aspects of being human. We might be perfectly justified to insist that others treat us courteously before we begin to treat them with consideration, but that destroys the process.

Even though we may be perfectly justified in demanding our rights, if we back off and think of the other person first we are truly expressing great strength and control over a situation that can bring out the most selfish aspects of our personality.

Don't let the precocious individual draw you into obnoxious behavior. Don't allow the ill-mannered to drag you down to their rough or vulgar level. Don't permit the sarcastic and caustic to bring out your own venomous, biting response. Don't respond to the abusive with your own abuse. Do your own thing! You know what you're good at...take pride in that and know that you have the power to compliment, to hold your temper, to be polite, and to be courteous.

There are two important influences in our lives that can help us develop a more active level of courtesy: animals and music. Spend more time with your pet - observe the openness with which it greets you, the lack of guile in its constant response. Relax with some good music and enjoy its melody and rhythm. Both can teach us the underlying secret of becoming more courteous.

Mercy Hospital Has Free Blood Screening May 10

Mercy Hospital is holding a free blood pressure screening on **Tuesday, May 10th, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.**

A colorectal screening will be offered at Mercy Hospital on **Tuesday, May 10th, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.** American Cancer Society screening kits will be distributed and instructions explained. Fee: \$1.

Mercy Hospital is offering a free chronic obstructive pulmonary disease program (COPD) for patients and their families on **Thursday, May 19th, from 1 to 3 p.m.** The program helps individuals suffering from asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema learn more about COPD and how they can better cope with their disease.

The interactive nature of the group allows individuals to meet others sharing a similar situation and provides an opportunity to discuss personal feelings. Families are encouraged to attend. For registration and location, call 781-9100, extension 1610 (Respiratory Therapy Department).

A blood glucose screening program is being held at Mercy Hospital on **Friday, May 27th, from 8 to 10 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.** Prior to the test, participants should not take food and liquids (other than water) after midnight. A donation of \$2 is requested for the testing materials.

Mercy Hospital's Anesthesia Department is offering a free educational program titled "Everything You Ever

Wanted To Know About Anesthesia," on **Tuesdays, May 3rd & 17th, from 7 to 8 p.m., in the third floor hospitality room.** The program, open to the public, is being offered to help people alleviate common concerns and apprehension about anesthesia. Anesthesiologists will emphasize safety aspects and exhibit Mercy's state-of-the-art anesthesia equipment. A video, along with written informational material, is included.

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PHILM REVIEW

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—Casual Sex?: 2 STARS

A mildly entertaining yet faulty comedy about a pair of single young women (Lea Thompson and Victoria Jackson) in their mid 20's who take a vacation at a posh health spa with the hope of meeting some eligible and appealing bachelors.

Based on a play of the same title, *Casual Sex?* starts off as a promising and funny look at the nature of sexual relationships in the face of the deadly and all-pervasive threat of AIDS. Additionally, the director, writer, and one of the producers of this film are women, and thus, they infuse it with a refreshing female perspective which is all-too-rare in Hollywood these days.

Meanwhile, the performances are very commendable. Thompson (*Some Kind of Wonderful*) and Jackson (*Baby Boom*) are humorously endearing as men-seeking best friends, and they are especially amusing when they speak directly to the audience in a manner that's reminiscent of Matthew Broderick's droll narration in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Also, in the role of an overly macho young man named Vinny, comic Andrew Dice Clay provides the proceedings with a delightfully obnoxious presence.

Unfortunately, *Casual Sex?* loses much of its steam about halfway through. Not only does the wry and perceptive wit of the earlier scenes give way to farcical and uninspired physical humor, but a couple of rather ludicrous plot developments eventually weaken much of its credibility.

Though its overall storyline was undeniably lightweight and flimsy in the first place, this movie did possess the power to make several relevant and perceptive commentaries on the carnal behavior between men and women in the late 1980's. However, due to the shortcomings which gradually undermine its initial potential for success, *Casual Sex?* winds up being a run-of-the-mill sex comedy that is somewhat en-

joyable to watch yet thoroughly forgettable once you leave the theater.

—Colors: 4 STARS

As an actor, Dennis Hopper is known for giving performances which are brimming with emotional intensity, and anyone who has seen his portrayal of a dangerously psychotic pervers in the shockingly memorable 1986 film *Blue Velvet* can attest to this fact. And, as a director, he is just as intense when it comes to dealing with vehement subject matter, such as the drug culture of the 1960's in his groundbreaking picture *Easy Rider*, and now, the widespread violence among Los Angeles street gangs in his latest and extremely controversial endeavor, *Colors*.

This gritty and exemplary crime drama focuses on the dogged efforts of that city's police department to tackle this near-epidemic problem, and how all of this senseless bloodshed affects the working relationship between a rookie patrolman (Sean Penn) and his veteran partner (Robert Duvall).

While it has already gained a great deal of notoriety for inadvertently stirring up more gang-related trouble within the City of Angels, *Colors* will no doubt also gain renown for both its high-quality moviemaking and its unforgettable impact on those filmgoers who see it. Justifiably being referred to as the *Platoon* of urban American violence, this harrowing picture also brings to mind the hard-bitten drama of *Hill Street Blues*.

However, unlike the people who created that acclaimed television series, Hopper is not restricted by the censors of that medium. Therefore, his new movie is unrelenting in terms of its violence and profanity, and in the process, he has created a grimly realistic and fascinating depiction of an aspect of our nation's contemporary culture wherein almost no one is completely good or evil.

Some of the story's police officers are fear-driven, trigger-happy men who are apt to accidentally cause the death of innocent citizens; at the same time, a number of the criminals in this film are but misguided youths who were attracted to this sordid way of life by way of its falsely glamorous excitement and the easy money that can be made through interrelated activities involving drugs.

Colors also benefits from outstanding performances from its two stars. Ever since he gained much unflattering publicity as a consequence of his real-life fisticuffs with picture-taking members of the press, many people have lost sight of the fact that Penn (*The Falcon* and *the Snowman*) is still a very talented actor, and his

work in *Colors* will definitely remind his detractors of his notable thespian skill.

As a youthfully zealous cop, he initially displays an earnest belief in the erroneous notion that a show of force is always the best way to handle the law-breaking denizens of the streets. But, as the plot progresses and his character matures via his eye-opening experiences, Penn comes to convey the kind of restraint and patience that are also necessary to being a successful police officer.

In the part of his older and far more street-wise partner, Duvall (*Tender Mercies*) is equally impressive. This Oscar-winning and exceptional actor portrays his crime-weary character with a combination of sarcastically low-key humor and an underlying sense of toughness that can be immediately employed whenever it's needed.

As a cunning mentor to Penn's brash role, Duvall exudes his typically proficient and commanding screen presence, and their characters' most believable relationship not only results from the perfectly meshed chemistry of these two performers, but also enhances *Colors'* inherently compelling and uncompromising drama.

—Critters 2: The Main Course: 1 STAR

In 1986, a comedy-cum-horror film titled *Critters* became a box-office hit with its story of a group of porcupine-like aliens who land in a small Kansas town and proceed to munch on its human inhabitants. Thus, it was only a matter of time before these toothy creatures came back for both a second helping of Earthly flesh and a second helping of our moviegoing money.

Although the first picture was a surprisingly decent blend of chuckles and chills, this sequel is nothing but a totally predictable imitation of its entertaining predecessor. To give credit where credit is due, however, *Critters 2* does have a couple of genuinely funny and scary scenes, but these isolated moments of quality are not enough to warrant the film's existence to begin with.

And, if *Critters 3: Pass The Dessert* is ever made, think I might indeed pass it; otherwise, I'll probably have to make a beeline for the Alka-Seltzer.

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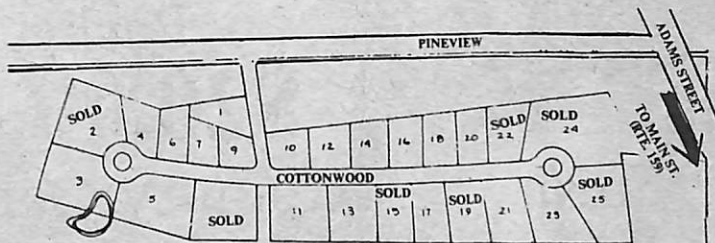


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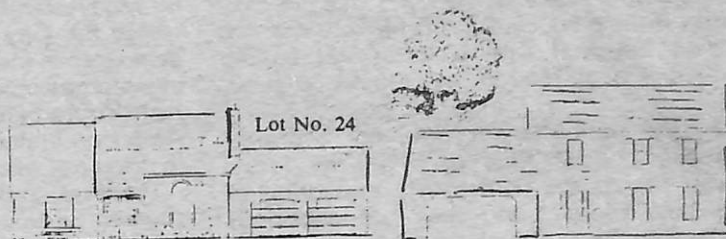


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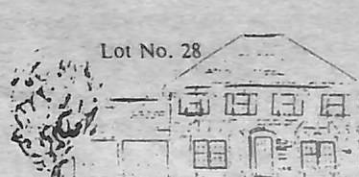
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The program will begin with Benjamin Britten's *Les Illuminations Op. 18* for tenor and string orchestra. It was completed in Amityville, New York, in 1939, shortly before the composer's return to England. *The Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5* for soprano and eight violoncelli by Heitor Villa-Lobos, are Bach-like compositions in Brazilian style. Handel's *Ode for Saint Cecilia's Day* for soprano, tenor, chorus, and orchestra, is dedicated to Saint Cecilia, considered to be the patron saint of music.

Soprano Elizabeth Holleque became one of the most sought-after young sopranos after winning the 1983 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. The following year, she made her New York City Opera debut singing the role of Musetta in *La Boheme* and was praised by *The New York Times* as having a "strong, accurate, purely-tuned voice."

Miss Holleque has performed with many of the nation's top opera companies, including the Toledo Opera, Cleveland Opera, and the Chattanooga Opera. She has also performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and the Eastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

Her exciting and highly powerful voice has won her great distinction in such major roles as Desdemona in *Othello*; the title role *Tosca*; Rosalinda in *Die Fledermaus*; and Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni*. Being equally at home in the orchestra hall, she has sung such inspiring works as Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Brahms' *German Requiem*.

Tenor Jon Humphrey has performed with many of the major orchestras throughout the United States. His command of musical styles and vocal techniques has enabled him to perform music ranging from the 11th to the 20th century. He has recorded and toured with the New York ProMusica, the Robert Shaw Chorale, Music from Marlboro, and the Stuttgart Gachinger Kantorei. Humphrey has also made several festival appearances, including Mostly Mozart, Blossom Music Center, and the Saratoga Music Festival.

Humphrey is a world-renowned vocal teacher, holding a "Named Professorship" at the University of Massachusetts, along with being a visiting professor of voice at the Eastman School of Music.

He has made major recordings under the labels of RCA Victor, Decca, Orion, and Columbia Records. Humphrey has been described as "being able to deliver every syllable with stunning clarity, including those long Baroque vowels that can stretch over dozens of bars..."

Tickets for the May 7th concert may be purchased at The Springfield Symphony Orchestra Association Offices, 31 Elm Street, Suite 210 (Court Square), Springfield, MA, 01103, or by calling Phonecharge, 733-2291.

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PHILM REVIEW - From Page 35...

—The Unholy: 0 STARS

Undoubtedly one of the worst supernatural thrillers I have seen in a long, long time, this piece of trash tells the story of a young Catholic priest (Ben Cross) who has a showdown with Satan himself in a haunted New Orleans church.

Featuring laughable special effects, painfully stiff acting, and a storyline which is riddled with discrepancies and moves at a pace that is infinitely slower than molasses, *The Unholy* is the kind of fiasco that I like to review as briefly as possible because I would also like to forget it as soon as possible.

However, I don't think my memory will let me forget this slop until sometime next January. You see, that is when I will write my list of the 10 lousiest films of 1988, and you can bet your bottom dollar that *The Unholy* will be among that disgraceful number.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—Casual Sex?: Rated R for nudity and the highly adult nature of its sexual situations and language.

—Colors: Rated R for its abundance of intense and graphic violence, strong profanity, and nudity.

—Critters 2: The Main Course: Rated PG-13 for some bloody violence, but the presence of some explicit nudity should have earned this picture an R rating instead.

—The Unholy: Rated R for some extremely brutal violence, highly gory special effects, and nudity.

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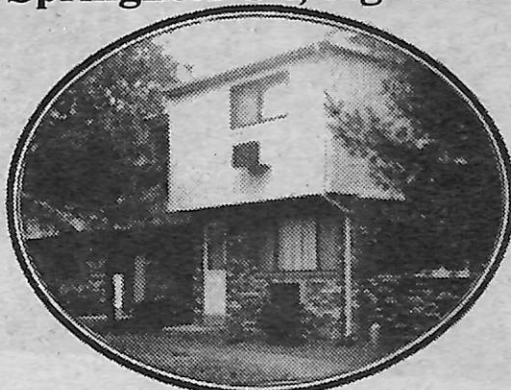
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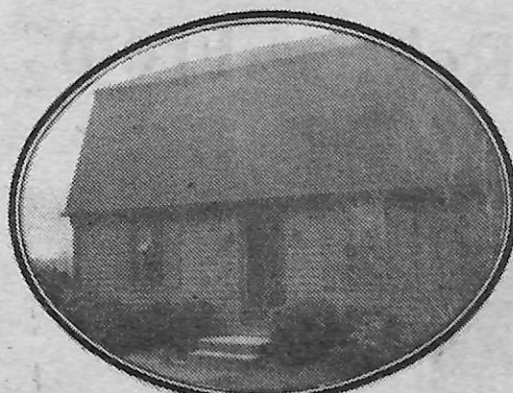


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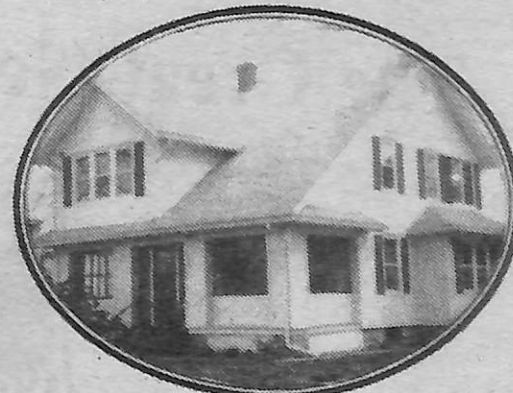
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Westfield Theatre's "Annie" Delightful Community Production

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

The Tony Award-winning musical *Annie*, which is based on the classic comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," has entertained audiences of all ages for over a decade thanks to its warmhearted humor and emotion, well-crafted songs, and a pervasive sense of optimistic spirit.

And, for those theatregoers who have yet to see this show on the stage, you now have an opportunity to do so, thanks to the Westfield Theatre Group.

The two-act musical, which ran last Friday and Saturday, has six more performances scheduled for the next two Fridays (May 6th and 13th) and Saturdays (May 7th and 14th). The four evening performances begin at 8:00 p.m., and there are 2:00 p.m. matinees on the two Saturdays. All shows are at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield (one block off the Westfield Common).

With book by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strause, and lyrics by Martin Charnin, *Annie* tells a Depression era story that is timeless in its appeal. Set in New York City during the Christmas season of 1933, it begins in a municipal orphanage that's run by Miss Hannigan (Mary Jane Schulze), a middle-aged lush who is not particularly fond of the children whom she oversees. But, one of the orphans, an 11 year-old girl named Annie (Agawam's Sarah Patnode), is not at all daunted by this woman's attitude and behavior.

Left at the orphanage by her parents shortly after she was born, Annie believes that her mother and father will, according to a letter that they had left with their infant child, one day return for her. However, after over a decade of waiting to be reunited with them, she finds another means of escape from the downtrodden orphanage.

As a gesture of compassion and charity, the renowned billionaire Oliver Warbucks (Feeding Hills' Robert Sands) wants to give an impoverished orphan the chance to experience an unforgettably happy Christmas by being a guest in his lavish mansion for two weeks during the holiday season. And, after ingratiating herself upon Warbucks' secretary, Grace Farrell (Kate Quirk), Annie becomes the lucky child and learns what it means to be in a real home.

Yet, her two-week visit to the Warbucks residence might end up as a permanent arrangement. After being concerned with nothing else but big business and money matters for many years, Warbucks finds that he is indeed a lonely man, and thus, he finds that he likes being a fatherly figure to Annie. In fact, he becomes so fond of her that he intends to adopt her if a nationwide search for her true parents proves fruitless.

However, the aforementioned Miss Hannigan is not out of Annie's life just yet. With the help of her ex-con brother Rooster (Paul Henault) and his girlfriend Lily St. Regis (Carol Palmer), she intends to swindle Warbucks out of a \$50,000 reward which the billionaire is offering to anyone who comes forward and can prove that they are Annie's actual parents.

Directed by Paul Norton, the Westfield Theatre Group's production of *Annie* is a rousing and unqualified success. Along with the efforts of assistant director Cynthia Kelly Coffey, musical director Camilla



THE ORPHANS IN "Annie" - Trisha Morley, Liz Cyrankowski, Nora Kane, Bozena-Jean Kida, Sara Strebel, Sarah Brysz, Stephanie Mackler, and Sarah Patnode as "Annie."

Crick, and choreographer Diane Oski Shields, Norton has staged an extremely enjoyable and polished musical production that represents not only the enthusiastic energy that can be found in community theatre shows, but also the high quality of singing, dancing, and acting that can be showcased in such local productions.

Moreover, set designer Larry Anderson deserves credit for creating a very functional set which utilizes to great effect the large amount of stage space at the Westfield Woman's Club, and incorporates a variety of props, other furnishings, and attractive backdrops to depict such locales as the palatial home of Oliver Warbucks, the New York City Orphanage, and a typical "shantytown" that was common during our nation's Depression in the 1930's.

Due to the presence of over two-dozen performers in this production, it would be extremely difficult to mention each and every performer within the space of this review. Therefore, let me say at this point that all of the actors and actresses who grace the stage in *Annie*—regardless of the length of their roles—deserve a large round of applause for enhancing the richness of skill that is most evident in this show.

Among the supporting players, Bozena J. Kida, Elizabeth Cyrankowski, Sarah Strebel, Sarah Brzys, Stephanie Mackler, Nora Kane, and Trisha Morley are charmingly cute as Annie's fellow orphans, especially when they anger Miss Hannigan and when they sing and dance during the musical numbers "It's The Hard Knock Life" and "Dressed Children."

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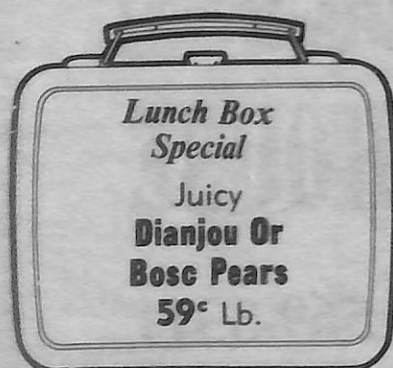


SARAH PATNODE of Feeding Hills stars as "Annie." Also pictured is "Ginger" as Sandy.

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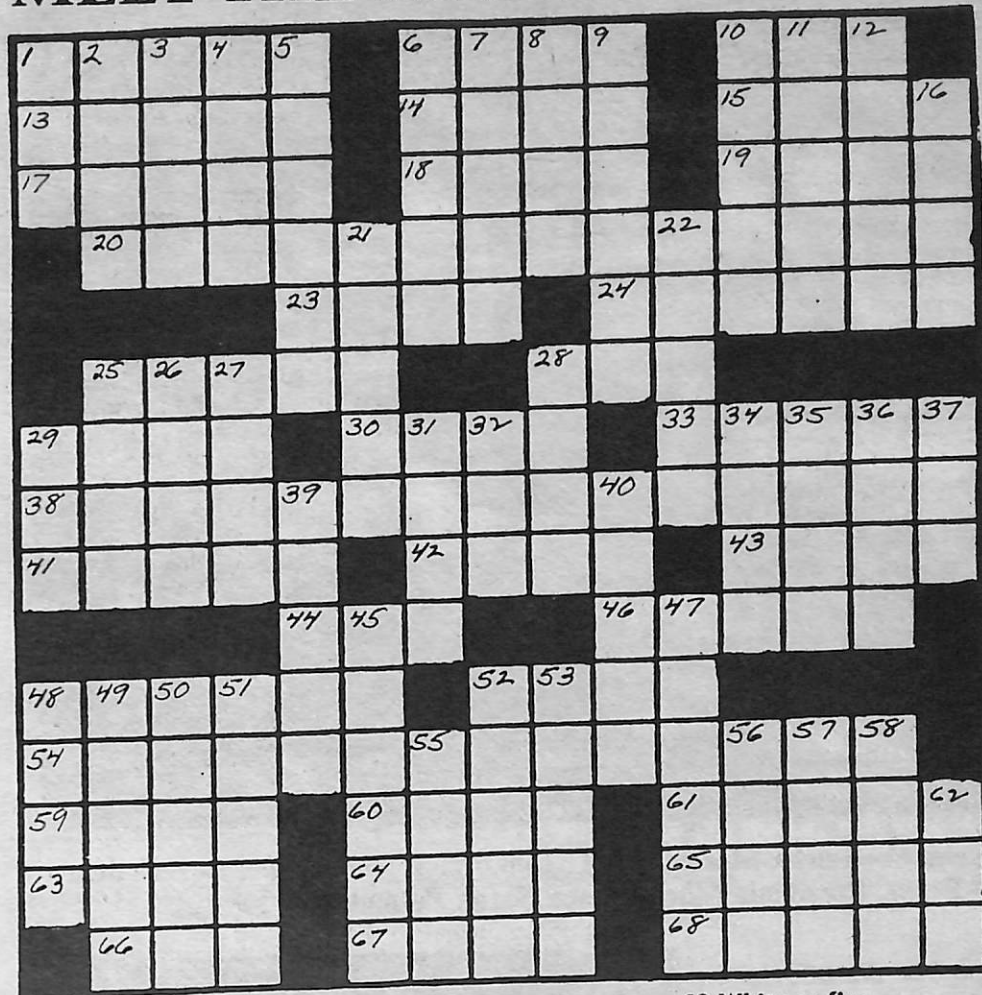
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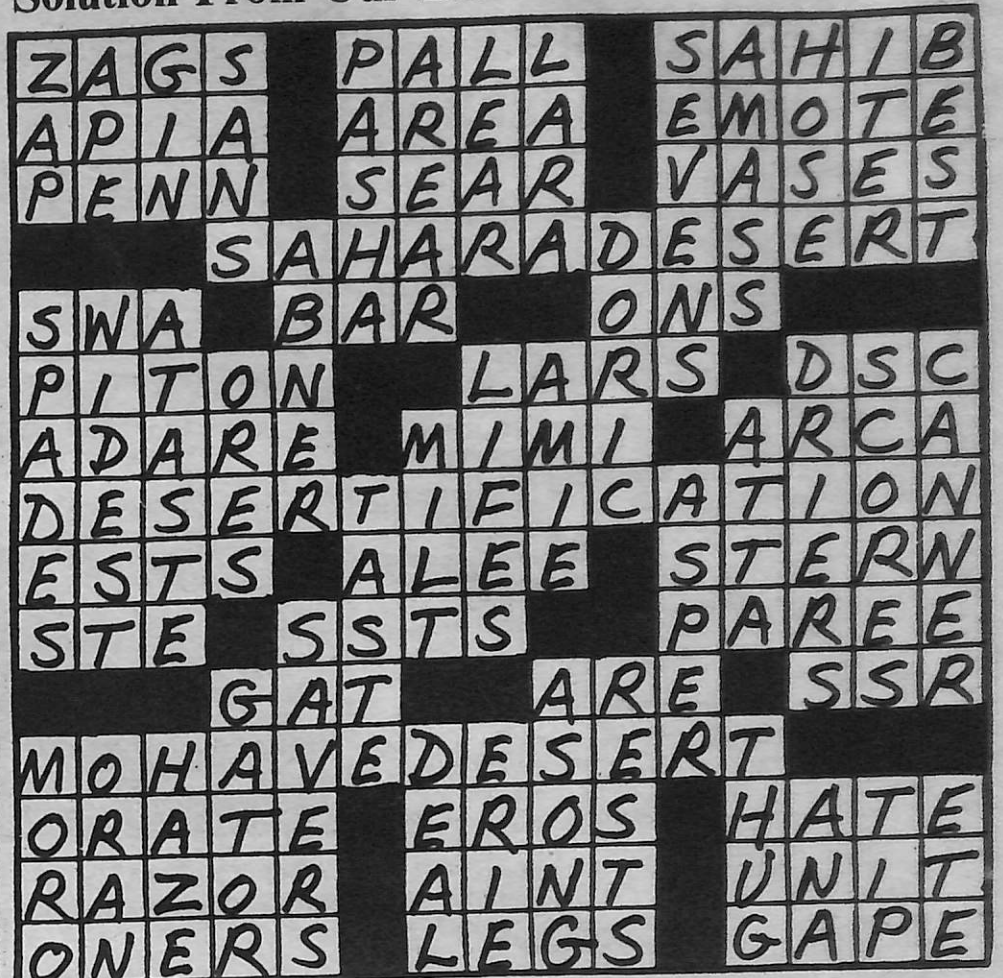
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The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum will join forces with the Society of the 17th Century and the Springfield City Library and Genealogy and Local History Department to present "living history" demonstrations on the Quadrangle, along with a city-wide essay contest for all Springfield school students in grades five to 12, films and lectures. On both days visitors will see "living history" members of the Society of the 17th Century demonstrate the following 17th-century crafts and aspects of family life: Don Dupuis, leather bottle making; Peter Honig, scientific instrument making; Rich Colton, beer and ale brewing; Larry Venham, joinery with period tools and examples of furniture construction; Bob de Lisle, blacksmithing; Harry Lerz, bottle weaving covers to protect glass bottles; Diana Wigham, cooking; Lenny Day, gunsmithing; and Bill Wigham, hat making. Other members will be demonstrating herb use in cooking and medicine, cider making, quilting, and embroidery. All will be dressed in 17th-century style period clothing.

Everyone is encouraged to ask questions of the costumed "living historians." According to the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's Curator of Education, Alice Smith, "interaction between the audience and the demonstrators leads to interesting and lively discussions about everyday life in the 17th century as it compares and contrasts with our own 20th century experiences."

Springfield students in grades five through 12 will be composing essays on 17th century daily life covering such topics as the everyday dangers of life in the 1600s, women's roles during the early settlement of the Springfield community, and relations with the Connecticut Valley Indians.

Essay contest awards will be presented by Mayor Richard E. Neal to the winners of the top essays in each grade, Saturday, May 14th, at 12:00 noon on the front steps of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. Superintendent Thomas Donahoe, Springfield Public Schools, Sister Bette Gould, Springfield Diocese Schools, and Robert Humberston, vice-president and Private Investment Officer of Shawmut First Bank will also be on hand to congratulate all the essay contest winners and participants.

At 3:00 p.m. each day, the 1952 feature Hollywood film, "Plymouth Adventure," starring Spencer Tracy and Jean Tierney will be shown at the Museum of Fine Arts auditorium. After the film there will be a commentary pointing out the differences between the Hollywood version of the 17th century and what actually took place.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum's interim director, Joseph Carvalho would like to see **Founder's**

Day become an annual event that commemorates the early experiences of the Springfield community. "We want to engage people in an active portrayal of local history," Carvalho said.

All events are open to the public admission free. **Founder's Day Weekend Celebration**, Saturday, May 14th, and Sunday, May 15th, has been funded with a generous grant from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council and support from the Private Banking and Investment Services of Shawmut First Bank. Humberston commented, "We are very pleased to be supporting the **Founder's Day Weekend Celebration** to bring early local history alive for the Springfield Community."

For more information about **Founders' Day**, please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

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In Act II, when Oliver Warbucks introduces Annie to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor, Charles R. McCarthy and Michelle Brochu, respectively, do a remarkable job of imitating the speech patterns and mannerisms of these well-known historical figures. In addition, McCarthy provides much humor near the end of the play when he's at Warbucks' mansion on Christmas day.

In the role of Rooster Hanigan, Henault conveys much comical craftiness, and his smooth persona complements the boisterous and rough-edged nature of his older sister, Miss Hannigan. Meanwhile, in the part of his girlfriend, Lily St. Regis, Miss Palmer projects the appropriately dim-witted demeanor of a frolicsome floozy, and her character—like Rooster and Miss Hannigan—is quite amusing during the song "Easy Street."

Grace Farrell, the secretary to Oliver Warbucks, is one of the most serious roles in *Annie* because she is essentially a "straight man" character, but Miss Quirk is still able to make her extremely memorable by way of a graceful and ladylike personality, and her sense of selfless devotion to both Warbucks and Annie.

As Miss Hannigan, Miss Schulze almost steals the show with her vibrantly hilarious portrayal. Although her character is basically a villainess, this actress effectively offsets Miss Hannigan's mean-spirited qualities with a clownish and somewhat tipsy persona which suggests that this woman's bark is worse than her bite, and these traits shine through in the tune "Little Girls."

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In the important role of Oliver Warbucks, Sands is flawless. He initially exudes the stuffy and stoic manner of a self-made tycoon, but he gradually projects the lonely, vulnerable, and softer side of his nature as he grows to love Annie as though she was his own daughter. His performance is a superb blend of humor and poignancy, and don't be surprised if his scenes with Annie bring a few tears to your eyes.

As the title character, Miss Patnode is equally outstanding and steals your heart from the moment you set your eyes on her. Her portrayal of Annie combines winsome spunk with the character's inherent sense of childlike optimism, and her rendering of the memorable numbers "Maybe" and "Tomorrow" is very emotive and moving. As you can imagine, this part is demanding because of the large amount of time which it requires a young actress to be onstage, yet Miss Patnode more than fulfills its acting, singing, and dancing demands with much aplomb.

While this production features a large cast of two-legged performers, it also boasts a four-legged thespian that deserves many kudos, too. In the part of Sandy, the stray dog which Annie befriends and eventually calls her own, "Ginger" delivers a well-trained performance that is quite endearing, and this canine is particularly appealing when she snuggles up to Miss Patnode throughout the show.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the Westfield Theatre Group's production of *Annie* are \$5 (students and seniors), and \$7.50 (general admission). Reservations are urged by calling 568-2120.

Sculpture Class Still Has Openings

There are still openings in the sculpture classes for adults offered this spring at the School of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Seeing and Creating in Three Dimensions with instructor Ann Jon will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 from April 6 through June 8. A second session will meet on Wednesday evening from 6:30-9:30 in the museum studios.

Designed for beginning and intermediate students, the class emphasizes learning through doing - exploring and discussing creative ideas and aesthetics as the work progresses.

Students begin with a basic form study and go on to render the human form through clay modelling and/or carving in wood or stone. Slides, books and discussions will be used to highlight the history of sculpture.

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Members of the Society of the Seventeenth Century will demonstrate historic crafts, such as gunsmithing, hat-making, needlework, blacksmithing, joinery, and scientific instrument making. Militia musters and drills and rapier fencing will take place as well as open-fire cooking and a show of 17th century-style clothing.

More than 100 artists and craftspeople from New York and all over New England will offer a wide range of merchandise for sale. Artists will exhibit such media as ink drawings, etchings, oils, acrylics, and watercolors. Cash prizes will be awarded to the outstanding artists in each medium. The craft show will include wreaths, baskets, flags, stained glass, hand-painted clothing, jewelry, and much more. Applications for art and craft exhibitors will be accepted until May 15th.

Children attending Long Meddowe Days will enjoy animal rides, a petting zoo, and the hay jump, as well as the parade which will begin the festivities at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Guided tours of Longmeadow's colonial architecture and the Historical Society's vast collection of artifacts in the Storrs House will be offered. Also toured will be the town's old burial yard.

Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend. The Lions Club will also host a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the General Chairman, Alan Hobart, at (413) 567-8706.

Agawam Resident Involved In Annual Drama Festival

The 12th Annual Drama Festival sponsored by the Community Theatre Association will take place Saturday, May 21st, and Sunday, May 22nd, at Ware High School, Ware. Eight groups, members of C.T.A., will participate in the '88 Drama Festival representing Springfield, Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Westfield, Ware, Monson, and Chester. The groups will be competing for a variety of awards: Best Production, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Costume, Best Set Design, as well as Runner Up awards in all categories.

Adjudicators for the Festival will be Maxine Klein, Artistic director of "Little Flags Theatre," based in Belchertown, and John P. Gafney, retired chairman of the Department of Theatre Arts at Bay Path Junior College.

The festival itself is in the very capable and talented hands of co-chairwomen Betty Fanning of Agawam and Eleanor Gay of West Springfield.

Admission to the Awards Ceremony may be obtained by purchasing a raffle ticket for the cost of \$1. Proceeds to benefit the C.T.A. Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for the Buffet Dinner are \$10 per person, and must be purchased in advance. Deadline for buffet reservations is May 16th. Make your check payable to Community Theatre Association and send to: Eleanor Gay, 80 Brush Hill Avenue, 48, West Springfield, MA, 01089.

Those whose reservations are received by May 6th will also be listed in the program as patrons. Be sure to list all names as they are to appear in the program.

Tickets for individual performances will only be on sale at the Ware High School Box Office prior to each scheduled show at the cost of \$1.50 each or \$8 for all eight performances.

For more information regarding the festival, please call Betty Fanning, 786-7296.

Jr. Womens' Club Taking Applications For Arts Fest

Applications are being accepted for the 14th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival to be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House, Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th.

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W. Springfield Comm. Women Slate Crafts Fair May 7th

The 1988 Crafts Fair sponsored by the Community Women of West Springfield will be held, Saturday, May 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Town Common located at Park and Elm Streets in West Springfield.

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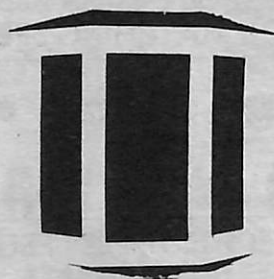
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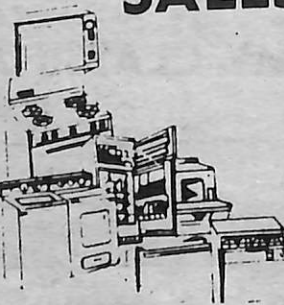
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